

Favored Over Drugs

Heavy Beer Drinking By Students Worries Authorities

By Carolyn Rice

Beer is the drug of choice among students at Carmel High School. Parents, teachers, administrators and law officers are pleased that the use of hard drugs is relatively low, but they express concern at how often many students drink beer—and how much.

"They drink until they can't function, and then talk about it as if it were an accomplishment," said Janell Malek, a health specialist for the school district. The high school staff hears students bragging about their drinking episodes which may end with them throwing up on someone's carpet or breaking furniture, she added.

The idea that the community escaped the plague of widespread hard drug use among students only to be

bedeviled by excessive consumption of beer emerged clearly from a survey conducted by Malek last spring.

The survey showed that while beer is used extensively, fewer students use hard liquor and marijuana. The students who do use these substances use them less often than those who drink beer. When it comes to cocaine, crank, speed, and LSD, 86 to 94 percent of those surveyed said they had never used these substances.

When compared to statewide figures, the Carmel survey also shows more widespread use of hard liquor and marijuana by students. But it is in the use of beer that Carmel students are way ahead of their counterparts in the state. When asked if they had used beer in the last week, 52.5 percent of Carmel's eleventh graders said yes,

compared to 16.1 percent of statewide students.

The difference was not quite so startling when eleventh graders were asked if they had used beer in the last six months. From Carmel, 83 percent said yes, while 62 percent of students statewide replied affirmatively.

Following up on the survey results, the *Weekly Sun* found that while the community is concerned about high schoolers drinking too much beer, there also is a sense of

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A task force will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Carmel Middle School library to discuss student alcohol abuse. Anyone with ideas on how to combat the problem or who would like to learn more about it is welcome to attend.



REP. LEON PANETTA, who wrote a poem to salute Burl Ives, makes a presentation to the singer at a tree-planting ceremony Saturday. In the back, behind members of Girl Scout Troop 2041 and Brownie Troop 2050, are, from the left, Carmel Councilman Ken White, Mayor Jean Grace, George Gurr, Councilwoman Barbara Brooks and Barbara Vaughn, Mrs. Ives' daughter. For the story and Panetta's poem, see page 8.

Sun photo by Stan Hall

Voters Overturn Council On Smaller House Sizes

By Isabelle Hall

With only a 40 percent turnout, Carmel voters Tuesday rejected the City Council's attempt to limit the size of houses, sending the issue back to the divided five-member body for probable action to restore the floor area ratio (FAR) to 45 percent.

The vote was 828 to 730 to reject Measure E which called for limiting houses to 1,400 square feet plus a 200 square foot garage on 4,000 square foot lots and on larger lots by a similar ratio.

Proponents blame absentee ballot voters for the loss. Of the total 828 "no" votes, 254 were absentee compared to 160 of the 730 votes in favor. The measure was defeated 53.1 to 46.8 percent.

Councilman Ken White, who was on the losing side, immediately asked to have the original 45 percent floor area ratio (FAR) put on the council agenda for approval. This would permit a 1,600 square foot house plus garage on a 4,000 square foot lot.

The issue pitted Mayor Jean Grace and Councilman Bob Fischer, the minority on the council, against Council members White, Barbara Brooks and Jim Wright. Don Kremer, a retired IBM executive who recently moved to Carmel, took up the fight for the opposition, forming the Coalition for Carmel's Future to counter the powerful Carmel Residents Association (CRA) which urged approval.

Ramifications of the issue extend far beyond house sizes. With talk of the next council election already occurring, the defeat of Measure E gives the mayor an edge far in advance of the 1992 election.

"I'm awfully glad the measure was defeated," Grace told the *Sun*. "Now we can get back to putting things at the Council level where they belong. The majority on the council, who lost, are going to, in good faith, have to agree to put back in the sliding scale of 45 percent."

Asked if she thought it was a personal victory, she said, "I didn't feel it was a victory for me but I suppose it is."

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Rains Fill Dams, End Plans For Upper River Pumping

By Stan Hall

Rains arriving in the nick of time filled two dams, led to the cancellation of plans to pump the upper Carmel River aquifer and gave directors of the water management district a little breathing room before deciding whether tougher rationing is necessary.

The seven member board heaved an almost audible sigh of relief when the general manager of the California-American Water Co. announced that it would not start continuously pumping three wells in the upper aquifer as scheduled on March 11.

"Mother Nature has joined in, and things are going well," said Larry Foy in making his announcement Monday night. "We will not be pumping the upper wells. We will be following normal winter operations, allowing the aquifer to recharge, and it will go very quickly, but the rainfall will have to continue."

Spokesmen for a number of groups were in the audience ready to oppose the pumping of wells above Rosie's Bridge. They

went ahead and made their points in a period of public discussion after Foy's announcement.

But the comments from those who think the district and Cal Am are over-pumping and ruining the river for the fish, the animals and the trees were muted after Foy's announcement.

Under pressure from critics, the district and Cal-Am have tried to spare the upper aquifer from pumping to maintain surface water in at least one stretch of the river to support wildlife and riparian vegetation. Without recent rains, use of the upper aquifer wells would have quickly dried up the the upper Carmel River.

Before the rains started, filling both San Clemente and Los Padres dams, Cal-Am had said it would have to pump the upper aquifer wells to meet peak demand and

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LETTERS

No Need to Raise Taxes

An article in the Feb. 21 issue of *The Weekly Sun* concerning the attempt by Mid Valley Fire Department to "annex," or take over, the County Service Areas (CSAs) 39 and 43 Fire Department contained two points attributed to Mid Valley spokespersons that need to be corrected.

Gary Carmichael, Mid Valley Chief, intimated that the CSAs were planning or would need to raise taxes. This is completely untrue. There has not been, nor will there be, any proposal or need to raise taxes for fire protection in the CSAs. In fact, each area has a surplus (CSA 43 has a surplus of over \$500,000, part of which is earmarked for a new piece of fire fighting apparatus).

Anne McGowan, a lawyer who is the president of the Mid Valley Fire Protection District Board, is quoted as saying that the opposition to the annexation has been "outside orchestrated." Not only is that totally untrue, the statement is an affront to the many dozens of citizens who have taken such an active part in defeating Mid Valley's plan to change their fire protection.

The citizens have pointed out to the Board of Supervisors, with different methods and on several occasions, their disgust with this entire takeover effort. If I were a supervisor who had previously pushed, or tactically supported, Mid Valley's proposal, I would be quite concerned about the intensity and conviction of the voters' feelings on this issue.

Several critically important issues face the supervisors this year. It is time to recognize the public's will and move on to issues that genuinely need attention.

Robin Hamelin
Carmel

The writer is a captain with the California Department of Forestry at the CSA 43 Rio Road station.—the Ed.

Country Quiet Spoiled by Noise

Is there anyone else out there who is also sick and tired of the roar of airplanes overhead? It is increasing—can you believe it? On Sunday, the 24th, there must have been at least twenty passes over the village-residential area. Is there a reason why these pilots must fly always in a circle over our homes? Is there no more country-quiet?

When swimmers learn to swim, they strike out for the deeper water. I should think pilots here would enjoy further afield; there are beautiful mountains and the ocean out there.

If it's flight lessons round and round and round the village area—then it's a booming business. It's great to have drivers-ed overhead. Look, Mom, I can fly!

Those of us who do not have a high tolerance for noise—airplanes banking over the home, mowers, blowers, grinders, barkers, would certainly appreciate the pilots venturing more out of town.

Frederick Pomeroy
Carmel Valley

Freeway Only Logical Solution

I enjoyed Isabelle Hall's article in the current *Weekly Sun* about traffic conditions on the Monterey Peninsula. As one who has lived on the Monterey Peninsula for over 40 years I have come to the conclusion that the freeway should have been built 10 or 15 years ago and that it is essential to proceed with it now. This is the only logical solution for handling the traffic flow in this area.

Clyn Smith, M.D.
Carmel Valley



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Tree-Rich Carmel Puts a Price on Them

Carmel-by-the-Sea, reportedly the first city in America to hire its own forester, has now put a price on the trees that make it such a beautiful "Village in the Forest."

City Forester Gary Kelly, in a report on the status of the urban forest, estimated the value of the trees in the one-square mile city at \$32.5 million. He used the national standard of \$13.50 a square inch to come up with the figure.

After hearing Kelly's report that the city has 30,631 trees, 34 percent of them on public property, the council voted unanimously Tuesday to give first reading to an ordinance requiring anyone who wants a tree removed from public property to reimburse the city for the value of the tree.

Kelly said that midway through his regular survey of the forest, which takes four years to complete, he found the number of trees up 17 percent from 1970-74.

At the same time, the count showed Monterey Pines, for which the city is famous, have declined 20 percent on private property. Kelly blamed the age of the forest, development in the city, and changing tastes. The survey counts trees bigger than two inches in circumference.

In passing the ordinance to require residents to pay to have a public tree cut down—either to provide room for a driveway or to provide a view—the council singled out pine, oak, redwood and cypress trees and all species over 25 feet in height.

Kelly said he would value the trees based on the International Society of Arboriculture standards which uses a formula of \$27 a square inch starting at 4-1/2 feet above the ground.

Councilman Jim Wright expressed concern that the council could be bogged down with appeals from residents over the value put on a tree that had to be removed.

"I don't want the question of the value of a tree referred to the council," he said. "I don't want to be in a position to have to arbitrate that."

Councilman Ken White said everyone must always have the right to appeal to the council.

Kelly said the city first hired a fulltime forester in 1968 and began its continuous tree inventory in 1971.

In other action, the council adopted an amendment to the Village Preservation Overlay District to include a row of cottages on the west side of Mission Street between Fourth and Fifth Avenues but deleted the most attractive incentive in the ordinance.

In overruling the Panning Commission, which felt the ordinance was premature, the council eliminated a provision that would have permitted properties designated in the Village Preservation Overlay District to be zoned for an adaptive re-use.

The issue originally came up when the council denied the request of Zigmort LeTowt to rezone one of the cottages so he could rent it to the popular Creme Carmel restaurant but then tried to find a way to let him use the property for a restaurant.

Incentives remaining include a waiver of city fees, review of the structure and modifications under the State Historic Buildings Code. The council named White and Councilwoman Barbara Brooks to a committee to discuss other incentives.

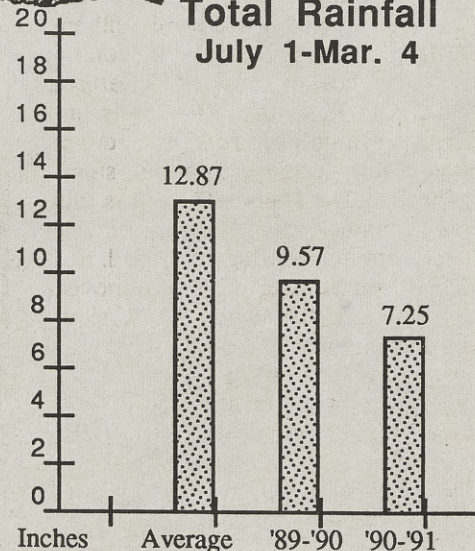
The council approved amendments to the sign ordinance regarding real estate company signs to conform with state law which says cities cannot prevent directional signs on other person's property as long as they have consent. It also lets Realtors put signs on a public right of way for a fee.

Another change in the sign ordinance was approved to conform with federal law which says cities may not ban satellite dishes and can only regulate their location and design.

Drought Watch



Total Rainfall
July 1-Mar. 4



*The rain year is measured from July 1 to June 30. The chart above shows rainfall for year-to-date for this year, last year and what is average, based on 30-year records for Carmel Valley Village maintained by observer Graham Matthews.

For the full rain year, 30-year average precipitation in the Village is 18.25 inches. Since 1986, the area has received significantly below average rainfall. It got 11.24 inches in '86-'87, 10.06 in '87-'88, 11.06 in '88-'89 and 13.32 in '89-'90.

Chart by June Levora

Carmel Revenues Are Not Drought-Resistant

By Isabelle Hall

City Administrator Doug Schmitz told the City Council Carmel should end fiscal year 1990-91 in the black but warned that water rationing could have a "draconian impact" on spending in 1991-92.

The city derives the bulk of its annual \$8 million in revenues from two sources: property and tourism. The hostelry tax on overnight room rents—the city's single largest source of revenue—was budgeted to bring in \$2.8 million this year and slightly more than that next year.

"Although the third quarter receipts were favorable and brought the hostelry tax revenues out of the red for the current fiscal year," Schmitz said, "\$484,032 is needed in the fourth quarter to achieve the adopted budget estimate."

But, he warned in a report to the council prepared before the recent rainstorms, "If our businesses are forced to curtail hours of operation or our hostelries are required to shut down a certain number of rooms in order to meet the Phase IV rationing level, then the impacts upon our expenditure plans for next fiscal year will be draconian in comparison to the actions which we have had to take in fiscal year 90-91."

Hearing called "a Sham"

History Society Sues Supervisors over Rosie's Bridge Destruction

The Carmel Valley History Society sued County supervisors Friday to block the replacement of Rosie's Bridge, arguing their approval of the project was a "pretense and a sham" which prevented public participation and violated environmental laws.

The society, and nine of its members acting individually, brought the suit in Superior Court along with Attorney Richard Rosenthal seeking to save the bridge which crosses the Carmel River on Esquiline Road in the Village.

Calling Rosie's Bridge "an historical structure," the suit challenged the County's process in approving an elevated, 38-foot high concrete box girder bridge to replace the narrow, two-lane, steel grid structure.

The proposed replacement for Rosie's Bridge would cost some \$2 million, all but \$303,000 of it available from federal funds. The bridge is the only road across the river to the Robles Del Rio community of some 700 to 800 homes south of the Carmel River about 12 miles east of Highway 1.

The suit, filed by attorney Michael Stamp, said the County had failed to hold hearings or adequately notify residents of hearings on the proposal to replace Rosie's.

It said the supervisors' hearing on the proposal on Jan. 29 was "a pretense and a sham, and was scheduled, designed and conducted to ratify decisions that had been made previously and in secret, all without public scrutiny and public participation."

During that hearing, Supervisor Barbara Shipnuck told Rosenthal, "It's really unfortunate when dollars are so scarce that we have a few people who put up stumbling blocks...The community wants this bridge." Shipnuck said she had no intention of having the hearing continued. Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman moved for approval, and the new bridge was approved unanimously.

The lawsuit charged that the County improperly declared the project could be completed without significant environmental impacts under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). "Not only is an environmental impact report (EIR) required for the proposed projects, but the board's actions in approving the negative declaration without proper and adequate notice is erroneous," the suit alleged.

The lawsuit noted that Rosenthal had also sued the County in 1988 when it had earlier proposed to replace Rosie's Bridge. It is named for the late Irwin "Rosie" Henry, who ran a general store where Stew's Plumbing is now operated by Stew

Schmitz has appointed a staff committee to review contingency plans which were prepared by Carmel in 1988-89 in response to various levels of water rationing discussed then.

Also impacted by the drought are revenues from building and planning permits in the wake of a moratorium imposed Jan. 1 on new construction which involves new or increased water use.

In addition, the real estate slump has hurt house sales which account for property transfer tax revenues.

Schmitz put a hold on hiring and cut back \$94,259 worth of capital improvements in January when revenues fell \$233,402 short of projections for the last six months of 1990. When results are tallied for the sales tax near the end of March, however, he said he hoped to be able to go ahead with these expenditures.

"Struck by back-to-back megaforges in the forms of an earthquake and then a recession which impacted our businesses and thus our revenues, the City included several precautionary measures in the final budget approved by the Council in September," Schmitz said.

"Unlike other agencies in our region and the State of California," he said, "We have not had to order a reduction in our personnel force or cut projects or programs in effort to achieve a balanced budget by the end of June."

With the end of February marking the conclusion of 66.67 percent of the fiscal year, the city has received actual year-to-date revenues of \$5,834,900 for an excess collection of \$352,188 on the straight-line projection method.

Schmitz said a key date in the budget process for this year and next year will be the week of March 26 when the City will receive from the State the actual sales tax receipts for the 1990 Christmas season, the AT&T event in January and the two three-day holiday weekends in February.

"Our sales tax collections thus far for these months have been estimates," he said. About 64 percent of all tax revenues have been collected to date, a category which includes the \$1.8 million budgeted for sales tax.

If receipts show a successful quarter, Schmitz said the City could be in

a position to authorize the release of some projects and programs on hold and be able to look at filling some vacant employee positions. The key position vacant is that of recreation director, a position with a \$50,000-plus salary.

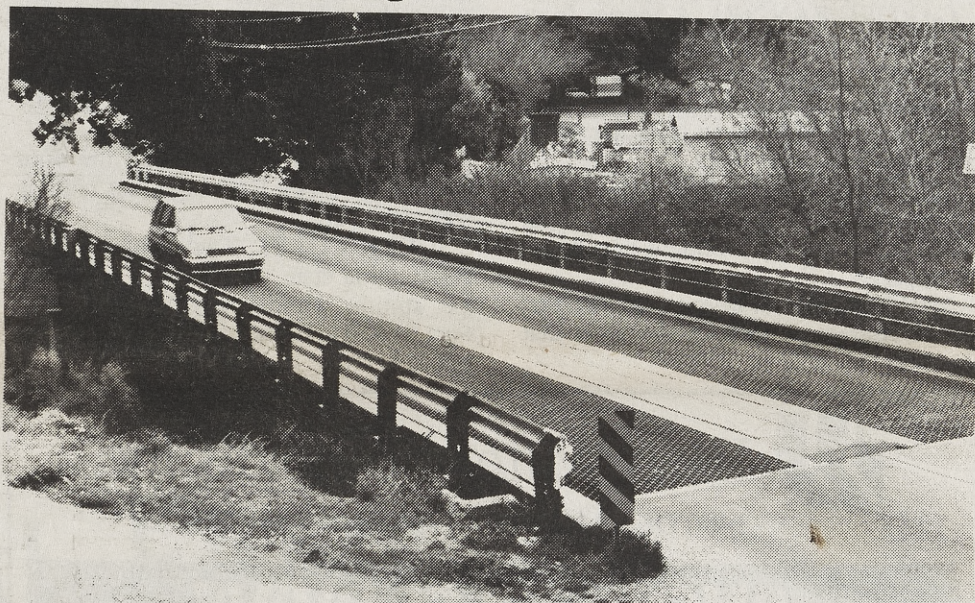
Property tax revenues are on a par with the 1988-89 fiscal year, the report said, but nearly 4 percent off 1986-87.

Building and planning permit revenues were budgeted for \$150,000 this year, but Schmitz said, "It is unlikely that this level of revenue will be received due to general economic conditions the first part of the year and the impacts of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Ordinance 52 and Phase IV rationing the latter part of the year."

"Reflecting the lack of real estate sales in the community," he said the property transfer tax is just 51.43 percent of its budgeted \$70,000 level and probably will not reach that total.

Parking citations—another reflection of tourist activity—are running 5 percent off the estimated \$460,000 in the budget.

Revenue from business licenses budgeted to bring in \$23,450 is off 5 percent.



ROSIE'S BRIDGE across the Carmel River on Esquiline Road is the object of a legal fight between the County, which wants to replace it, and the Carmel Valley History Society, which wants to see it preserved. Sun photo by John Anderson

Bridge have been held since March of 1986, the suit accused the County of a "prejudicial abuse of discretion" in its approval of the project.

"Rosie's Bridge is an historical structure carrying significant meaning and value to the community," the suit argued. "Rosie's Bridge is an identifying landmark for the community and marks an historic gateway to the Robles Del Rio area of Carmel Valley."

In addition to Clough and Rosenthal, others bringing the suit included Ann Kennedy, Marvin Pylate,

Frank Quilty, Elizabeth and Richard Barratt, Tom MacCrystal, Donald Cummings and June Taylor. A spokesman said the individuals had agreed to pay legal costs to bring the suit, and that no history society funds would be used.

The replacement of Rosie's Bridge would have "significant impacts upon a historical structure, upon the aesthetic and historical environmental quality of the area, upon traffic, upon growth and upon the quality of life in Carmel Valley," the suit said.

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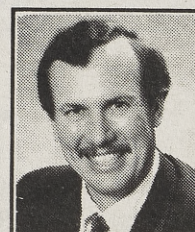
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SHERIFF'S LOG

MID VALLEY. A woman from Carmelo School reported someone had been sleeping in the school at night. 2/25.

EAST CARMEL VALLEY. The owner of Rancho Chupinos reported someone had shot and killed one of his calves. 2/25.

EAST CARMEL VALLEY. A woman said a man in a maroon and gray Dodge Ram pickup would not let her pass him on Carmel Valley Road and sideswiped her car. 2/25.

HIGHWAY 1. A woman reported hearing gunshots in Hatton Canyon behind her home on Edgfield Place. 2/25.

Garages Seem Vulnerable

CARMEL. A woman reported the theft of tools from her garage some time during the last two months of 1990. 2/26.

MID VALLEY. A woman said someone removed a padlock from her garage and left the doors wide open, but nothing was taken. 2/26.

VILLAGE. An owner of Carmel Valley Market reported someone reached through a window and took two bottles of rum. 2/27.

SOUTH COAST. A man from Moscow, Idaho, reported that someone broke into his trailer and pickup while he was parked near Coast Ridge Road, taking food and soda. 2/27.

Tourist Loses Wallet

CARMEL RANCHO. A tourist from Nashville reported losing his wallet at Pablo's Restaurant in the Barnyard. 2/27.

CARMEL. A woman reported the theft of a ring and other items from her home on San Luis Avenue. 2/28.

VILLAGE. A man reported an Alpine stereo was taken from his unlocked car while it was parked overnight outside his home. 2/28.

MID VALLEY. A woman reported that the ice box was missing from a house that she rents out. 2/28

Parked Vehicles Burglarized

HIGHWAY 1. A man reported two of his vehicles had been burglarized while parked outside his High Meadows home; change and a pair of sneakers were taken. 3/1.

HIGHWAY 1. A resident on Flanders reported his car had been burglarized and ransacked. 3/1.

HIGHWAY 1. Two High Meadows residents reported their cars had been burglarized and ransacked while parked outside. 3/1.

SOUTH COAST. The owner of the Big Sur Deli reported \$2,000 was taken from a safe between 2/27 and 3/1. 3/1.

CARMEL. A woman reported a stereo was taken from her home on Via Mar Monte. 3/1.

Man Reported Missing

VILLAGE. A woman reported a friend who had been staying with her was missing. He was described as being 62 years-old, 6 feet tall and 220 pounds. He was last seen on 3/1. 3/2.

CACHAGUA. A man reported that someone had entered his home on Lower Sky Ranch Road and taken some property. 3/2.

MID VALLEY. A woman who lives on Tierra Grande said 98 telephone calls totaling \$473 in charges had been charged to her phone bill from a phone in Pebble Beach. 3/2.

VILLAGE. A woman said jewelry had been stolen from her home on Lupine Lane. 3/2.

VILLAGE. A deputy found the door open at the Stock Exchange, but nothing was amiss. 3/2.

SOUTH COAST. Two vehicles from Washington state, which left a Monterey gas station without paying their bills, were located at Garrapata Beach; the drivers agreed to return and pay. 3/3.

Opponents' Petition Drive Forces Public Vote on Fire Consolidation

By Carolyn Rice

County supervisors on Tuesday ordered a \$11,400 election on June 4 to determine who will provide fire protection to County Service Areas (CSAs) 43 and 39, blocking at least temporarily Mid Valley Fire Department's attempted annexation of the areas.

Brad Clark, County registrar of voters, told the Board of Supervisors that petitions with 2003 signatures had been filed by opponents of the plan to force the election, 90 percent of the signatures being valid.

He said 1,443 signatures—25 percent of the registered voters in CSAs 39 and 43—were required to bring the matter to a vote. A simple majority of those who vote in the June 4 election—which must be paid for by the CSAs—would defeat the reorganization proposal, he said.

Jim Cook, executive officer of the County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), said if CSA 39 and 43 residents vote against the proposal, no similar proposal may be presented for two years. However, he said, LAFCO can waive that if they find it in the public interest. "I can't speak for what the commission might do," he said.

Car Parts Stolen

VILLAGE. A man from Isleton, Calif., reported someone took the carburetor and radiator cap from his vehicle while it was parked on Center Street. 3/3.

VILLAGE. A man who lives on Ford Road reported attempted burglary and vandalism to his vehicle. 3/3.

CACHAGUA. A man who lives on Cachagua Road reported dogs were attacking his livestock and pigs. 3/3.

VILLAGE. A Trampa Canyon woman reported finding two plastic syringes in front of the Grapevine. 3/3.

Cachagua Property Group To Hear Title 21 Discussion

Real estate broker Ileen Crane-Franks will discuss proposed changes in the Title 21 County zoning ordinance at the Cachagua Area Property Owners Association meeting March 14 at the Cachagua Volunteer fire house. Crane-Franks was a member of a citizens' advisory committee which reviewed and made recommended changes in Title 21.

Opponents have complained the supervisors tried to ram the reorganization plan down citizens' throats.

"We don't want the supervisors telling us what to do," said one leader of the opposition, Helen Melville. "People are fed up. Everywhere we went, people complained about the supervisors."

She said her home was the headquarters for the signature drive, and she had worked on it until 9 or 10 every evening for the past three weeks.

Nancy Henares, a CSA 43 resident, said she worked three weekends to collect 295 signatures in the Carmel Views and High Meadows area.

"I wanted to see it stopped," she said of the reorganization. "I want to see it put on the ballot. The people were not listened to."

"We just believe in CDF," Melville said. The California Department of Forestry currently provides fire protection to CSAs 39 and 43 under contract with the supervisors.

With at least the tacit backing of the supervisors, Mid Valley proposed to create a new district stretching from mid Carmel Valley, through the unincorporated areas at the mouth of the Valley and in the Agujito and Josselyn Canyon neighborhoods on the north side of Carmel Hill.

Both the supervisors and LAFCO have given final approval to the annexation. It would have become final without a public vote without the successful petition drive.

Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman said "we'll be holding some town hall meetings" to explain the issues in advance of the election.

A report prepared by a consultant to support the proposed consolidation said it would save at least \$1 million in the first five years from improved efficiency, with the savings being available to improve fire protection with no increased cost to the citizens.

Opponents of the plan have challenged the figure as being based on an apples-to-oranges comparison of the quality of the firefighting services.

Mid Valley Fire Department has said it would take on any of the CDF firefighters who want to join the the new department. But most of them have said they do not want to leave the state organization, citing better benefits, including retirements, and more opportunity for advancement in a larger organization.



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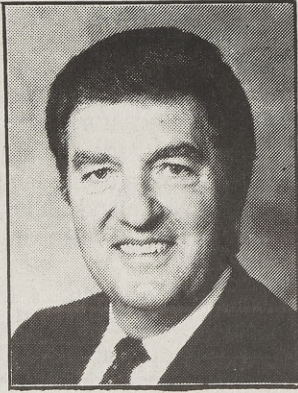
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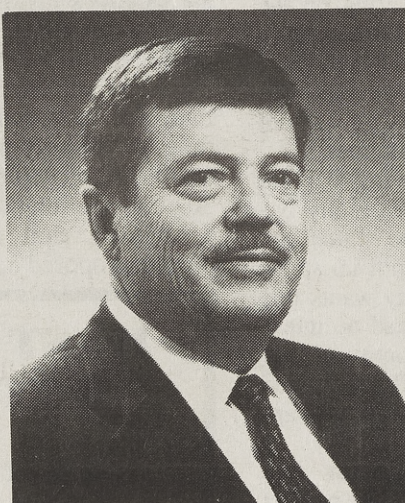
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In Seaside Monday Night

Regional Park Directors Consider Creating Land Purchase Agency

By Stan Hall

Directors of the regional park district will consider creating a benefit assessment district which would raise nearly \$2 million a year to purchase and preserve open spaces along the coast when they meet Monday night at Seaside City Hall.

The cost would be borne by the owners of 41,765 parcels inside the boundary of the proposed district, which would cover all of the Monterey Regional Park District except for Cachagua and Big Sur.

Yearly assessments would be based on the purported benefit each type of parcel would gain from the preservation of open spaces. But the assessments would be somewhat lower in Marina than in other locations.

The basic fee of \$36 a year—or "just a dime a day," as proponents of the plan like to say—would be charged owners of single-family homes, condominiums and hotel and motel rooms in most of the district. There are 8,191 hotel and motel rooms in the proposed district.

In Marina, the basic fee would be reduced to \$28.80 a year, with corresponding reductions for other types of property. The rationale is that Marina property owners would not benefit as much from "the visual approach improvements."

Details of the proposed Coastal Resource Protection Assessment District were spelled out in a draft report to the board of directors from Manager Gary Tate which will be taken up at the 7:30 p.m. meeting.

The proposal grew out of the park district's master plan, which proposed purchasing up to \$63 million worth of open space land to keep it from being developed. It also is a followup to Measure N, an advisory question on the November election ballot which asked voters if they would be willing to pay \$36 a year for 30

years to finance the purchase of open space. About 55 percent said they would.

The proposed assessments would raise \$1.9 million a year, Tate's report said. The level of various assessments was established with the help of appraiser Haskell Berry, Jr., who estimated the benefit to each type of property from each of the five benefits the purchase of open space would purportedly provide.

In most of the proposed district apartment houses would be assessed from \$100 to \$567 a year depending on their size and six mobile home parks would be assessed \$576 each.

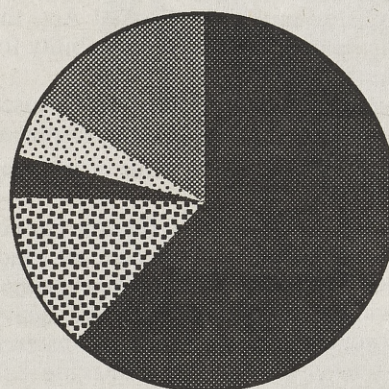
Restaurants would be assessed \$72 a year, stores \$47.52, service stations \$43.20, theaters \$38.88, office buildings \$34.56 and industrial sites \$31.68. Vacant residential lots would pay \$27.36 a year, vacant commercial lots \$23.04, farms and orchards \$14.40 and time-share apartments \$7.20.

The five benefits the park district ascribes to its plan are:

- Maintain and improve the visual approaches to the Monterey Peninsula.
- Provide access to and restoration of coastal beaches.
- Increase recreational facilities.
- The reduction, or avoidance, of adverse environmental impacts that would result if open coastal parcels were developed.
- Protect the economic base of the Monterey Peninsula, particularly the tourist-serving industry which depends in great part on the area's natural beauty.

Left off the list of purported benefits was the elimination of possible new competition for existing businesses. When it was discussed at a park district board meeting on Jan. 29, it drew the most opposition, including some from board members.

Where Funds Would Come From for Proposed Land Purchase



Single Family and Condos	61.34%
Multi Family and Mobile Homes	13.66%
Commercial and Industrial	3.46%
Vacant Parcels	5.07%
Visitor Serving Commercial	15.97%
Time Share Units	0.5%

Sun Chart by June Levora

Appraiser Berry said he set the assessments for tourist-service businesses higher than for other commercial operations "because they benefit more than the general commercial categories."

A breakdown provided in Tate's report said that single-family residences and condominiums would pay 61 percent of the cost of the district. Visitor-service commercial property would pay 16 percent, multi-family and mobile home residences would pay 14 percent, vacant land 5 percent, commercial and industrial property 3 percent and time share units 0.5 percent.

A first-year budget of \$1.9 million included in the report proposed spending \$1.7 million for beachfront properties in San City, Del Monte Beach and Del Monte Dunes in Monterey and Rocky Shores in Pacific Grove. It also specified spending \$70,000 for appraisals of other property being considered for purchase. It

How New Land Purchase Agency Will be Formed

The Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District is proposing to create a new Coastal Resource Protection Assessment District to raise funds to buy and preserve open space using provisions of the 1972 Landscape and Lighting Act.

It was passed initially to provide a way for citizens to get together to pay for curbs and sidewalks, street lights and other tangible improvements.

Under its provisions, the park district steadfastly insists that a public vote is not required, because the assessments that people will have to pay if the proposal is carried out are not taxes.

"A special assessment is not a tax," the park district said in a question-and-answer sheet distributed with its draft report on the creation of the new district. "A tax is levied on the value (ad valorem) of property...A special assessment is not a tax because it is based on the benefit to the property from the acquisition or improvements made with the assessment revenues. An election is not required."

If it were a tax, an election would be required, and under Proposition 13, it would have to receive approval from two thirds of the voters to win passage.

The park district said it would decide by Aug. 19 whether to proceed with the creation of the new district. It added that landowners opposed to the plan could file protests against it by then.

If at least half of the owners of the 41,756 properties in the proposed district do protest, the Board of Directors must find that a "majority protest" exists. If it does, the project must be dropped unless four of the five directors vote to overrule the protests.

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In Murphy Grading Case

Judge Refuses to Order Erosion Work

A Santa Clara County Superior Court judge refused to require John A. Murphy to perform emergency erosion control work aimed at removing miles of roads he allegedly graded illegally on his coastal ranch.

At a hearing on Feb. 28, the County and the state asked Judge William Martin to compel Murphy to carry out the work under conditions imposed in a permit issued by Zoning Administrator Dale Ellis late last year.

But Martin denied the request, finding that Murphy's right to argue his case in a trial had not been precluded by the County's administrative actions.

Martin told the attorneys in the case to come back March 28 at which time he would set a date for a trial.

Murphy's attorney's successfully sought a change of venue to Santa Clara County from Monterey County where the grading on Murphy's 4,300-acre Little Horse Ranch received widespread news coverage. Monterey County challenged the change of venue in an appeal to the 6th District Court of Appeals, but it was denied.

Susan Dauphine, one of Murphy's lawyers, said Murphy had offered to mediate what work should be done to protect against erosion, but the County refused.

"There are concerns that need to be addressed," Dauphine said.

Asked why the County has refused to mediate the case, J. R. Ramos, deputy County counsel, told the *Sun* "because they only want to negotiate conditions which would allow him to keep the roads, and we want them removed."

Murphy is accused of grading or regrading several miles of roads on the ranch without getting a permit from the County for development in the coastal zone. Murphy has contended that state and County

officials were well aware of the grading and gave at least tacit approval to it.

The case is seen as a major test of the County's ability to protect the scenic coastal area under the Coastal Act, the County having assumed responsibility for it from the state.

County Grading Inspector Phil Carrasco has estimated that the grading displaced more than 75,000 cubic yards of rock and soil.

Because of the drought, the area has not experienced heavy rainfall since the grading took place. But fear has been expressed that without emergency measures, heavy rains would wash tons of loose material into streams in the area, damaging fish habitat and causing massive erosion and mudslides.

The emergency plan approved by the County calls for Murphy to remove as much loose material from the hillsides as possible, using it to re-fill the road cuts or haul it to a central site where it will not wash into the area's streams.



A RALLY, similar to the one by students shown above, will be held Friday by the Friends of Carmel Schools to kick off its drive to win passage of a special parcel tax in the June 4 election to pay for deferred maintenance at Carmel schools.

Sun photo by Carolyn Rice

Carmel School Tax Kickoff Rally Set for Friday

Citizens for Carmel Schools will hold a rally Friday to launch a drive to win passage of a special parcel tax to provide funds for deferred maintenance and to buy new school buses for Carmel schools.

The high school band will play, the cheerleaders will be on hand and light refreshments will be served at the family event at 7 p.m. in the high school gym.

The district will ask voters on June 4 to approve a \$80-a-year parcel tax for four years to finance painting, plumbing and electrical repairs along with equipment replacement, including new buses.

Administrators have said that they have a comfortable day-to-day budget, but they

need money for deferred maintenance before the physical condition of the schools deteriorates any further.

Assistant Superintendent Vance Baldwin said if he had to grade the condition of the school buildings he would give River and Tularcitos C's, Middle School a B but a C- on the grounds and a F on the playfields, the High School a D and Captain Cooper and Carmel Valley High B's.

School officials estimate that it would take \$3 to \$5 million to pay for deferred maintenance and upgrading of school equipment. With an estimated 11,000 parcels in the district, Baldwin said the tax would raise \$880,000 a year if it passes.

In 1989, residents voted 59 percent in favor of a similar measure, but passage required a two-thirds majority.

Several people will give presentations at the rally including John Lamb, campaign coordinator; Ken White, Carmel city council member; Superintendent Bob Infelise; and Baldwin.

Beth Spaulding, River School PTA president, said that in recent years the main function of the PTA has been to raise money for playground equipment, supplies, field trips and for special classroom projects. "PTA is supposed to be an education, information type of group," she said, adding she'd like to get back that.

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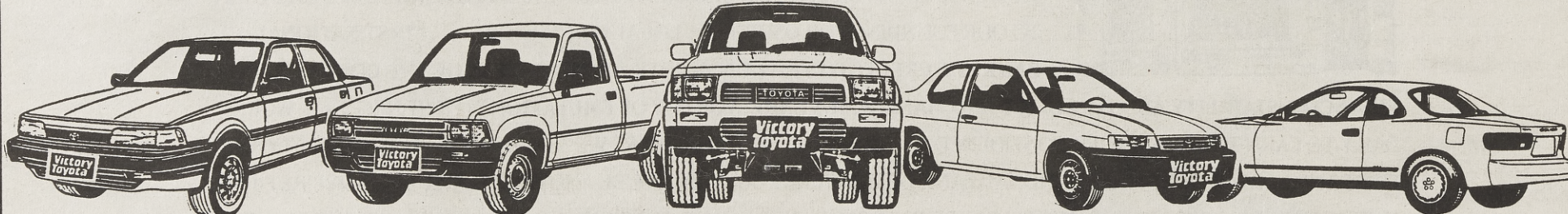
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Eastwood in Attendance

Mission Ranch Approved Over Counsel's Advice

By Isabelle Hall

Ignoring the advice of its own counsel, the Monterey Planning Commission approved 7-1 Clint Eastwood's plans to revamp the historic Mission Ranch resort on the southern edge of Carmel.

The fact that the popular actor sat through the four-hour session on the proposal Feb. 27 in the dreary Board of Supervisors' chambers charged the hearing with interest and brought smiles to the usually somber commissioners' faces.

It was almost anticlimactic when the quiet-spoken Eastwood—known to movie fans around the world as "Dirty Harry"—finally rose to address the panel.

"I'm not a hotel man, I'm not a restaurateur or a tennis club man," he said. "I'm just someone who cares a great deal about that particular piece of property."

Eastwood paid a reported \$5 million for the ranch about four years ago after the City of Carmel sued to prevent it from being developed as a condominium project.

Only Commissioner Mo Orrett had misgivings along with those of County Counsel Efren Iglesias who said an amendment to the Carmel Area Land Use Plan and the Coastal Implementation Plan should be approved before the commission granted Eastwood a use permit.

Instead, the commission took the advice of Planning Director Robert Slimmon, Jr. and approved a use permit and a coastal development permit which will let Eastwood tear down nine old cottages at the resort and replace them with 14 new units, realign the tennis courts adding two new practice courts, add on to the restaurant, build a tennis clubhouse and a caretakers unit and improve parking.

Under 42 conditions on the approval, there would be a cap of 31 units at Mission Ranch, 12.9 acres of wetlands would be dedicated in perpetuity as a scenic easement and the property would carry an Historic Region designation.

It could be 15 months to two years before the work is actually completed. The commission's action now goes to the supervisors and then to the Coastal Commission for action before being sent back for final approval. It involves amending the plans to permit continuation of a residential zoning ordinance for the 20.7 acre parcel with a special treatment overlay allowing the commercial uses now in existence.

"If you grant a permit now, that's probably unprecedented," Iglesias advised. "The stumbling block is this: Under the existing land use plan, this permit cannot be granted. The best way is to get the amendment (to the Land Use plan) approved."

"I'm sorry we ever got involved with special treatment," Orrett said. "We're opening a door, and we don't know what's on the other side of the door. I don't like to see property with two kinds of zoning."

A petition signed by 178 residents of the Carmel Point area west of Mission Ranch was virtually the only protest raised against the project.

"I'm starting to feel like the only somber face at a love feast," said attorney Michael Albov representing Catherine Woodward, organizer of the petition. "As guardians of the Coastal Plan, you have to



SHEEP GRAZING IN THE FIELD add to the bucolic feeling at Mission Ranch south of Carmel. This photo is looking toward Point Lobos across the meadows and the 12.9 acres

of wetlands that owner Clint Eastwood has agreed to preserve.
Sun photo by John Anderson

ask yourselves if you would require an EIR if it was raw land."

Approval "will eviscerate the whole underpinnings" of the Carmel Area Land Use plan and the Coastal Plan, Albov said, lecturing the commissioners that they were being "dazzled by good memories" of enjoying themselves at Mission Ranch.

"The applicant is a sophisticated individual," Albov said. "He bought this property knowing what the conditions were. To say he has to fix it up to save it seems a little disingenuous to me."

"It's very tough to sit here and hear yourself portrayed as 'disingenuous'...I guess it's just a lawyer trying to make a buck," Eastwood said when it was his turn to speak. "If the world allows us to do this, we'll keep Mission Ranch for many years. If the world doesn't allow it," he suggested he might have to divest.

"I believe Mr. Albov is clutching at straws in telling you commissioners what your job is," said Mary Burton who said she had lived across from the ranch for 31 years. She complained that the 178 residents who signed the petition live "over a mile away."

Woodward told the Sun after the hearing, "I never thought we would see the Land use Plan tailored to an individual. 'Special Treatment' has blossomed from a little umbrella into a golf umbrella."

Confined to a wheelchair due to illness, Woodward attended the hearing with her attorney but said she would not carry her protest further. "I knew that it was a hopeless situation but there is a principle involved."

The petition expressed concern that the project "is violative of the existing and carefully delineated and certified local coastal plan...if approved, the

changes would grant a special privilege to the applicant never contemplated in the context of the overall planning process for the Carmel Area."

Saying Eastwood and his representatives had "done everything they can to make us (neighbors) happy," neighbor Tim Vaughn warned that if the ranch wasn't economically feasible, Eastwood "may sell it and you won't be talking about 31 units."

Slimmon shot down the unpopular attempt of Manager Gary Tate of the Monterey Regional Park District to have a trail run along the north side of the Carmel River through the wetlands dedicated to the District. "The department feels that a trail on the south side of the river has been proposed by everyone," he said. The commission agreed.

In the past few months the project to remodel Mission Ranch has been endorsed, with various suggestions, by the City of Carmel's Planning Department, the Carmel Area Advisory Committee, Carmel Heritage, the Carmel Residents Association and the Sierra Club.

Alan Williams, president of Carmel Development Co. and Eastwood's representative, said he had been working to get the use permit renewed for the past two years.

"During the first two years of ownership we have had in excess of 24 permits for repairs," Williams told the commission. "The only intent of the previous owner was to tear it down and build condos. They used bubble gum and band-aids to hold it together."

"I find myself, for a change, being hard put to find fault with this," said Commissioner Jo Stallard who is also a member of the Sierra Club. She protested

Tate's plan for a trail, telling him, "You'd have trails on both sides of the river. You'd have people tramp all over the place."

"You make me very happy," said Commissioner Marit Evans when she was assured that the scenic easement would be granted in perpetuity.

Only one person aside from the petition signers protested. Mary Wade said Mission Ranch was "a national scenic treasure. I'm not looking forward to these cottages being destroyed and 25 foot buildings being put up."

Activist Noel Mapstead, who said he wrote the Sierra Club letter from the Ventana Chapter endorsing the project, explained, "We feel it is a better product for the community. We see we're getting more wetlands." A month ago, Mapstead had complained about the wetlands and noted that the application did not seek to change the land use plan but, instead, kept the original approval for condominiums.

Betty Bell, chairman of Concerned Neighbors for Mission Ranch, said "Mission Ranch has an owner who thinks she's an elegant queen. Each of our suggestions has been met by careful consideration. We now have for the first time a real plan for restoration of the Mission Ranch we all love."

"Some people might think Clint Eastwood is immortal but things can happen and we must be prepared," she said, as the audience laughed.

Glen Leidig, who said he had been a resident of Carmel for 79 years and whose aunt, Isabelle Martin Leidig, was born on the ranch in the 1900's, urged the commission to approve the project unanimously.

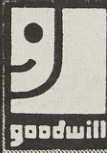
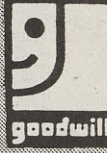
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Water District Board Seems Ready To Require Meters on Private Wells

By Carolyn Rice

Water management district board members appear to be moving toward requiring the metering of private wells in the district—many of them in Carmel Valley.

At a workshop Monday, directors voted 6-1 with Dick Heuer opposing to hold a public hearing on a preliminary ordinance which would require private well owners to put meters on their wells at their expense.

"We need accurate, good figures," declared Board Member Jim Hughes. "We'll be dealing with water for some years to come."

According to a Monterey Peninsula Water Management District staff report, the cost of installing meters could range between \$200 and \$400 depending on the plumbing and digging required. But Tom Lindberg, water resources technician for the district, said costs could run as high as \$500 to \$700 for large wells or if extensive digging and plumbing were required.

If adopted, the new regulations would also require that meters be installed on all new wells. Because of the drought and water rationing, Monterey County has a temporary ordinance prohibiting the drilling of new wells in the Seaside and Carmel River aquifers which provide virtually all of this area's water.

The staff report said the district has identified 227 active wells, 40 inactive or

abandoned wells and 31 wells that owners have registered but did not report the amount of water they produced in 1990.

Board member Kenneth Long said, "we have to get a handle on how much water we can allow people to use."

The water district has rationed use from private wells by 20 percent, just the same as for California-American users under the current rationing program. But without meters, they have no way of enforcing the regulation.

Well owners can report usage by meter reading, power consumption extrapolation or by an estimate based on land use. Staff members said that the most reliable method is metering.

Last year, the water district used a total of 16,837 acre feet of water. Of that, Cal-Am supplied 12,343 acre feet to its customers and non Cal-Am wells produced 4,493 acre feet from July 1, 1989 to June 30, 1990.

Some of the non Cal-Am water is used by mutual water companies and golf courses and is metered or accounted for by the power consumption method. The staff report said that 97 wells are located in the Monterey Peninsula water resource system whose owners use the land use method of reporting water use. The water usage is estimated at 302 acre feet, staff said.

Board member Karin Strasser Kauffman said, "we are looking at a very

tiny portion of our total water use."

Hughes said that the figure "could be quite a bit off," and that "300 acre feet does become important" in a rationing situation.

Board member Dick Heuer said "we do need to do some tightening up, but I don't know if it's appropriate to call for a meter on every well because there is a good deal of expense in that."

He also questioned whether it was worthwhile for the district to hire a technician to "pin down those relatively small amounts of water use."

General Manager Jim Cofer said that some private wells are not subject to 20 percent rationing because of variances for livestock or agriculture use. He said vari-

ances also are available for fruit trees but not for lawns or annual plantings.

Joe Oliver, the water district's senior hydrologist, said that failure to report water usage from a private well is a misdemeanor. But water district legal counsel, David Laredo, said "we have not taken action to enforce this." He said laws provide for up to a \$500 fine plus a daily fine for each day the violation exists.

Long said that the district has a problem with the location of the private wells. "We do not know where the wells are," he said.

Strasser Kauffman said that most well owners have registered their wells and called for the district to notify well owners by letter of the public hearing concerning the metering of wells.

Meteorologist Renard Says

Outlook for More Rainfall Dims

Meteorologist Robert Renard, who correctly called the series of storms that filled the Carmel River dams, said the prognosis isn't as promising now for continued downpours.

Retired head of meteorology at the Naval Postgraduate School, Renard said the immediate forecast calls for a chance of showers Friday or Saturday. "There will be rain to the north, but it's problematical whether it will reach this far south," he said.

He also said that both the new 30- and 90-day outlooks from the National Weather Service fail to hold much promise of drought-ending deluges. The 30-day forecast calls for about even chances for below normal rainfall. "The longer one is even less promising," Renard said, noting that March and part of April are considered part of the area's rainy season, but May is the beginning of the dry summer months.

The storms that dropped heavy amounts of rain in the coastal mountains, filling San Clemente and Los Padres dams and sending water down the river to a thirsty lower river aquifer, also brought some havoc with their benefit.

Power outages, some as long as six hours in areas of the Carmel Highlands, accompanied the storms, as did failures of some telephone service. Mud and rock

slides on Highway 1 south of Big Sur caused Caltrans officials to bar through traffic until the debris was cleared, and high winds downed a number of large trees and limbs.

In Carmel Valley Village, weather observer Graham Matthews measured a total of 3.6 inches of rain from the storms that began at mid-week last week and lasted through Monday.

Even with the recent rains, the area still is more than five inches below average rainfall for the season—and this is the fifth such season of below average precipitation.

In higher elevations, the downpours of the past week were heavy. Renard told the Sun: "In the Santa Lucia Mountains, undoubtedly many locations received between 5 and 25 inches of rain. Tremendous amounts of water fell in the mountains."

Despite the recent rainfall, which Renard labeled "almost phenomenal," he noted that he has received just 7.19 inches so far and said the 1990-1991 rain year still could turn out to be the driest on record in 67 years in Monterey.

Renard said the heavy rains resulted when the jet stream "zeroed in on the cen-

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POLITICIANS ENJOYING A LAUGH before a tree-planting ceremony honoring singer Burl Ives are Rep. Leon Panetta, Carmel Mayor Jean Grace and councilwoman Barbara Brooks. In front of them are Girl Scouts and Brownies who took part in the Sunset Center ceremony. Sun photo by Stan Hall

Panetta Lauds Ives with Poetry

Saluted with original poetry by Leon Panetta, folksinger Burl Ives helped plant an oak at Sunset Center Saturday and received Carmel's thanks for his concert to benefit the city's trees.

Ives, 81, sat in a beige rattan chair during the short, informal ceremonies except when he was helped to his feet to scoot a shovel full of dirt onto a 10-foot coastal live oak being planted along San Carlos Street. A large man, he now walks with the aid of two canes and friends.

Ives had performed at a full house at Sunset Center Friday night with the proceeds going to support Carmel's Friends of the Forest. The money will be used to protect existing trees which are threatened by drought, disease and insects and to plant new ones.

Panetta, the district's Democratic congressman who was home for the weekend, showed up in Levis and boots to help salute Ives. He brought with him an original poem, written on an envelope, which he read to the delight of the small crowd.

It said:
Burl Ives—can it be
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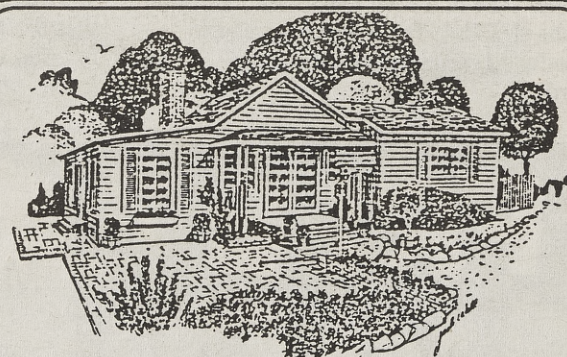
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Dams Fill, Aquifer Recharge Begins

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provide water to the Village. The upper aquifer stretches essentially from the dams to the so-called narrows near Scarlett Road in the Valley.

With the dams and upper aquifer full, Cal-Am now can use water released from the dams to serve the upper Valley.

Illustrating how close the district had cut it, General Manager James Cofer of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District said that if the rains had not started and if the district did not pump the upper aquifer wells during the summer, residents would have had to cut back to 50 percent of their normal water use.

Residents in the district have been under 20 percent ration for more than two years, and despite the rains, the directors still must decide whether deeper cutbacks are required to get the area through the summer. They have talked publicly of possible cutbacks of 35 to 40 percent.

They plan a special meeting April 8 to consider the question, clearly hoping that the series of storms that began last week will continue and make the politically unpopular decision to deepen rationing unnecessary.

After Foy's announcement, the biggest argument of the night was over the seriousness of the threat of nitrates in the water in the aquifer under the Carmel River. Walter Wong, the County's environmental health director, almost missed it because he initially went to the wrong meeting site.

Wong walked in after Roger Ward of Cal-Am had made a brief presentation in which he accused Wong of being an alarmist, claiming Wong was using the nitrates issue to further "his agenda to sewer the Carmel Valley."

"I am not an alarmist, and it's not true that I want to sewer the entire Valley," a dapper Wong told the hearing after Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman had briefed him in a hallway outside the hearing on what Ward had said. Strasser Kauffman is the supervisors' representative on the board.

Wong said while nitrate levels are well below allowable limits now, they do build up over long periods, as he said he saw happen in the Salinas Valley.

Wong said any problem with nitrates probably would center in the Carmel Valley Village area which was constructed before strict County rules prohibited such dense population buildups.

Nitrates are chemical combinations of nitrogen molecules that are introduced into the water from septic systems, farm fertilizers and even the breakdown of organic material.

"No one can predict how the buildup in the soils will progress," Wong acknowledged. "But we don't want it to build up in Carmel Valley to where you can't dilute it like it did in the Salinas Valley."

Ward argued that if septic systems were the major cause of nitrate contamination

"we would (also) see a very large amount of coliform (bacteria). We've never seen it in either the upper or lower Valley. (Cal-Am) wells are well protected," he said, explaining they have sanitary seals around them to keep surface contaminants out.

"The aquifer up there (in upper Carmel Valley) is pretty pristine," Ward said. "Certainly, there are no quality questions about using upper aquifer wells in my mind should that become a necessity. Hopefully, that won't be necessary because we'll get the rain we need."

Darby Fuerst, water resources manager for the district, said that the Carmel River watershed, indeed, had started to get some of the precipitation it needs.

Noting that the San Clemente dam received some 3 1/2 inches of rain in the first four days of March, he said there still is a chance that the 10-inch deficit for the year at that location can be made up before the winter rains end.

Reporting that both San Clemente and Los Padres were spilling water into the Carmel River where it readily soaked into the porous alluvial aquifer beneath the Carmel River, he said the upper aquifer had been fully recharged.

Fuerst estimated that five to ten inches of additional rain "would go a long way" toward providing the runoff needed to fill the lower aquifer, too. The lower aquifer has a capacity of 21,000-acre-feet, Fuerst said, adding it had been drawn down to just 9,300-acre-feet before the rains started.

If enough rain falls to put 6,000 additional acre-feet of water in the lower aquifer, he said, the district would be at the same level of storage it had going into the summer of 1990, with both dams and the upper aquifer full and the lower aquifer containing some 15,000-acre-feet.

Fuerst said higher elevations in the watershed received significantly larger amounts of rain from the latest storms, citing 5,000-foot-high Chews Ridge which he said got more than 10 inches of precipitation.

Among those addressing the board were hydrologist John Williams, representing the Sierra Club, and Dr. Roy Thomas, a Carmel dentist who is president of the Carmel River Steelhead Association.

Opposed to the proposed pumping in the upper aquifer, which would dry up the surface water now in the river there, Thomas urged the board to maintain "the last drop of water" to help support wildlife, including steelhead.

"Deep water resources should be exhausted before this last little trickle (in the river) is sucked up," Thomas argued.

For his part, Williams announced that the Sierra Club had joined the steelhead association and the Citizens' Water Committee in urging the state to find that water in the Carmel River is underflow from the river and not ground water. If that were found to be the case, the state would have much more regulatory power over how the river is managed.



A WEEK OF STORMS sent water spilling over San Clemente and Los Padres dams and down the river to begin recharging the lower river aquifer. This view is taken from the hill on Carmel Valley Road overlooking Carmel Valley Ranch Resort. It was taken early Tuesday morning.

Sun photo by Stan Hall

Rain Outlook Dim

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tral coast" and brought storms from central Pacific disturbances marked by wet, relatively warm air.

Taking their place, he said, was a weather system which would allow storms generated in the Gulf of Alaska to reach parts of the coast. "(They) will not be as wet, but we do get most of our moisture from storms spawned in the Gulf of Alaska," he said.

He said he did not foresee an immediate return of the so-called Pacific high off the Central Coast which blocks many storms headed the peninsula's way.

Renard correctly told the Sun a week ago that the then-developing weather patterns held out the best hope for substantial rain of any so far in the season.

Pat Bernardi, a Mid Valley resident and former member of the water management district board—as is Williams—also argued against pumping from the upper aquifer. "Are you willing to gamble away a drought reserve that may be even more critical next year?" she asked.

Foy drew a laugh from the crowd when he said that on three occasions, Cal-Am has provided the state the required 10-day notice that it would have to have to start pumping the upper aquifer, and on each occasion, rain came, eliminating the need to use upper aquifer wells.

Foy added that the pattern of the storms the area has been getting lately are almost perfect for replenishing the aquifers—"storm following storm after the ground is saturated."

In a similar situation after the 1976-1977 drought, he said the Carmel River aquifers were fully recharged in 27 days.



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By Anita DeCarlo

For Better or for Worse at MPMOA

For better or for worse at the Monterey Peninsula Museum of Art is unfortunately for the worse. I find the show so superficial and of so little aesthetic value that I feel the only "better" that can come of it is an excuse to broach the general subject of aesthetics and defend a universal aesthetic, without which art can be nothing but chaos, a child of whim and fad. If that were so, I could not in good conscience have a job as an art reviewer, or as an art teacher, or even choose to be an artist, if choice I had.

Nothing mystical for me or anyone else, it is circumstance and genetic disposition that directs us to or chosen professions. So, there you have the first step: there are people who have artistic bent and others are bent in other directions. It is possible for almost anyone to learn the mechanics of drawing but art is not guaranteed. "Correct drawing" is not even essential—Cézanne was not the virtuoso that Sargent was, but they both created art.

So, Mother Nature in her infinite wisdom created a diversity of people for a diversity of jobs to function as a society, each person lending his or her skills to the greater whole. Some societies actually require the function of art to survive as a whole. American society does not, or does not think it does. Our society functions as a market place: everything is valued in dollars.

The lack of value and esteem granted the arts is built in to the very fabric of our education. My older son had a raft of forms to fill preceding college entrance, many having to do with his goals. Repeatedly he wrote that though he loved music, had excelled in music, found peace and felt whole only when playing music, he would not major in music because it would be 1) selfish—that would not be a good enough contribution to society, and 2) he would not be able to support a family as a musician.

But, others do follow their bent and become artists. Some trade their skills in the advertising market creating visual images of great design and eye-catching appeal successfully selling the products advertised. I think American advertising is outstanding. But that isn't necessarily art although it could be. Toulouse-Lautrec's posters advertising the Moulin Rouge are art. There are illustrators who are artists and others who aren't.

There are artists who bend their skills to a marketplace demand in the galleries ("adobes this year in pinks and blues,

please") and others who don't, who are trying very hard to nail down that elusive muse and at the same time shake and reshape society's needs and responses to art. Sometimes they call an awful lot of attention to themselves rather than to art (e.g. Robert Mapplethorpe), perhaps miss the mark of the universal aesthetic in their individual expression (crux of the American experience altogether), and most often do not change society's attitude one whit.

In the ancient East, art was not outside the flow of life trying to beat its way in. It was life. Art was much revered and served a multitude of functions. Art itself was an expression of the harmony of the universe and everything in life had its place in the Tao, in the order and balance of the universe. Art was an expression of the understanding of this order.

The painting of persimmons (pictured at right) is a perfect example. Notice the balance of objects and space—the space between the persimmons is as important as the persimmons. Everything here is at perfect peace and harmony. You, the viewer, are drawn into this painting much as you are when viewing a "live" scene of great beauty: you are a participant making the connections.

Can you really participate in any of the paintings in the show at the museum? Images are thrust at you and forced on you with no regard for aesthetic divisions of shape and color or the nature of the medium: they have no import as paintings, and are ill used as a vehicle for the content as would be bicycles to sail the sea or ships to cross the continent. The medium and the message or content must work as one.

The content alone cannot make a painting art either. (This is much like an artichoke—peeling off layers to get to the heart of the matter!) Let's use Robert Mapplethorpe's infamous photos again: it was the content of his photos, the sexual nature of the content, that created the hue and cry, that prevented many from even considering whether they were art or not. But, you see, whether it's persimmons or body parts, it is the aesthetic arrangement, the harmonious order of events in the rectangle which determine its artistic merit. Say for the sake of argument that these photos do have artistic merit, then their content subsides in importance and is first an abstraction of lights and darks and textures, secondly a derriere with a bull whip in place. It was so American of Mapplethorpe to place his own importance on



THE SIX PERSIMMONS, an ink on paper painting by a 13th century artist from Kyoto, Japan.
Courtesy Chinese Painting by Peter C. Swann.

the content, on his own individual need and microcosm, his individualism, his content was so large that perhaps he defeated other people's need to assess the work as art.

On the other hand, historically official art had to have the stamp of approval of the class that had social standing and authority, sometimes church, sometimes state. Then the content would be great battles, great personages and heroic events. At best, this art's function was to record people and events before the camera was invented. This was not exactly a petri dish for art to thrive in either. Throughout history, there was actually popular or common art flourishing but unnoted in literature and unremarked by the recorders of history.

Because it was art, it survived. The urn or soup kettle was lovingly handed down through the generations, the woven fabric passed on or even found in a grave and kept because they were beautiful though created just to function. When painted or printed popular art from Japan began arriving in Europe wrapped around porcelains 100 years ago, they were immediately recognized by a few knowing eyes to be art.

Poor Van Gogh did not sell a single painting. They are worth millions now. Why? Does it take time to see how ingeniously he portrayed the order of color in the fields or felt the sunflower's singular beauty? He surely painted what he saw; it was his job to paint and, in his rapture with the beauty of the universe, he left his own imprint as well as the harmony he saw.

Perhaps he failed to be remarked in his own time because the populace had other "standards" by which to determine if something were art or not. The western populace, not having grown up with art as an integral part of life, are uneducated, no fault of theirs really. The paintings were the "wrong" subject, or not the colors decreed by this year's decorators, or even—a

little knowledge is a dangerous thing—weren't abstract enough! Too hard Too soft. In. Out.

The painting is not the vehicle for the content: the content is just a means, a vehicle, for the painting, the aesthetic.

Art Happenings

Watercolors by Patricia Norum of Salinas are on display at the Marjorie Evans Gallery at Sunset Center in Carmel during the month of March. The gallery is open 9 to 5, Monday through Friday.

Dorothy Quock of Livermore will speak at the Oriental Art Society of the Monterey Peninsula meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, at the Crossroads community room. She will present slides and discuss the dilemma posed by conflicting needs for people, the environment and pandas. She will focus on China's lesser panda, a small, reddish-brown, raccoon-like creature.

The fourth annual Jesters fundraiser will be held at La Playa Hotel in Carmel on Friday, March 15, with proceeds to benefit the Monterey Peninsula Museum of Art. The event begins at 6 p.m. and a wine tasting, gourmet buffet and live and silent auctions. Tickets are \$35 for members and \$40 for non-members. For more information, call 624-5431.

"On Location: Monterey County," an exhibit featuring a look at some of the 144 feature films that have been filmed in the area will open Wednesday, March 13 at 5:30 p.m. at Art in the Airport. A joint effort of Art in the Airport and the Monterey County Film Commission, the exhibit will stay on display at the Monterey Airport through May 28.

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DISCOVERY—THE LIVELY ARTS

By Barbara Rose Shuler

Where is the best theater in our region? Would it surprise you if I told you that you'll find it in Salinas? The Western Stage at Hartnell College has consistently produced the best theater on the Central Coast for the better part of a decade. Oh, they've staged a few duds over the years, of course. Few, if any, live theaters have a perfect record of hits season after season. However, the Western Stage has established a sterling reputation among audiences, critics and theater people alike. If you buy one season ticket package for live theater this year, you couldn't do better than one of the Western Stage packages.

Though I will be seeing the full season of plays and musical staged at Hartnell this year, the scope of this column prevents me from reviewing all of them in depth. Let me, instead, recommend nine months of good theater now, based on many years as a satisfied critic. In addition to a few comprehensive reviews, I do promise highlights of the season as the months unfold.

John Light sat down with me last week to discuss the Western Stage performances for this year. Over a jolly dinner at a newly opened English pub in Monterey, he described the season in detail. Light, a charming, hard working man, serves as the Hartnell Theater's publicity and development director. As founding president of the Monterey County Theater Alliance, actor, director and writer, he has been a contributing member of the theater community for many years. He revealed a typical Western Stage smorgasbord of shows ranging from the classics to contemporary works, musicals, comedy, and drama. Clearly proud of the season, Light recommended that tickets be purchased early to guarantee seats. Some of the shows sell out right away, he reminded me.

The weekend of the 16th of this month the Western Stage opens Paul Osborn's "Mornings at Seven" (On the campus main stage) in which a 40-year-old nephew brings home his sweetheart of 12 years for the first time and "all hell breaks loose." Osborn is known for his plays and films "On borrowed Time" and "the World of Suzie Wong." He also wrote screenplays for "The Yearling," "Sayonara," "South Pacific" and "East of Eden." Light confessed that in "Mornings at Seven," he will be putting on his acting hat as Homer, the nephew. The play will be presented on March 15 at 6:30 p.m. in a special performance for Meals on Wheels.

In April the Shakespeare favorite "Twelfth Night" comes to the smaller Studio theater. Light says this rendering will feature a young cast. The restoration

comedy "A Flea in Her Ear" begins the summertime offerings. The Hartnell thespians have the opportunity of working with writer Ray Bradbury in a rare staging of his novel "Something Wicked This Way Comes."

Bradbury will be on hand for a short time to help with the adaptation of the story for the stage.

Chekhov's "The Seagull," "Peter Pan," "Guys and Dolls" and Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Pirates of Penzance" are among the final shows of the season which runs through December.

Light described several season packages to me. All the shows can be purchased at discounted season ticket prices or pre-selected groups of them, depending on your preferences. He stressed that single tickets were also available, though, again, due to the popularity of Western Stage performances, he recommended the packages.

By the way, auditions for all shows are open to the community. There will be general auditions every Monday night. All but the first two shows are open. Any pre-casting will be announced.

Salinas has proudly and generously supported the theater and training programs at Hartnell over the years. Those who venture from the Carmel/Monterey area to Hartnell College to enjoy the fruits of this support are seldom disappointed. Tickets and information can be obtained through Center Stage Ticketing or at the Western Stage box office, 375-2111. All performances are located in the theaters in the Performing Arts Center of Hartnell College, 156 Homestead Avenue, Salinas.

Next week in this column we'll discover something new in Carmel Valley—dinner theater at the Ridge Restaurant. Also, two new plays open on the peninsula this week. One of them will be reviewed here.



MORNING'S AT SEVEN traces the sibling rivalry that continues between two sisters. Aaronetta, left, will be played by Lenore Opalach and Cora, right, by Regina Hicks, when the play opens at The Western Stage, Hartnell College.

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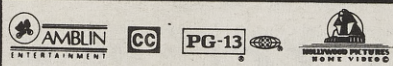
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In The Shadow of Historic Mission, Junipero Serra School Does Things Differently



PAUSING A MOMENT to chat in the Mission Courtyard are third graders Shayda Mavahedi, Laurie Lynch, Kristina Hawley and Stephanie Nicora.

Photostory by Carolyn Rice

As a private Catholic school, Junipero Serra School at the Carmel Mission does some things differently than the public schools. Examples:

- During the Gulf war, "we've stopped every day at 11:55 to pray for peace," said Sister Jean Williams, school principal. She said the school also sent letters home to ask families "to stop wherever they are and unite with us in prayer."

- The school believes that "parents are the primary educators of children, and we are here to support them," the Sister said, showing a reporter a philosophy statement to that effect in a school handbook.

- Parents must agree to perform 32 hours of service when they enroll children—half that if they are a single parent. Sister Jean said most of them fulfill this requirement rather easily working in the classroom, on field trips, in fundraisers or on the school's theatrical productions. If they have trouble finding the time to serve, parents can also meet the requirements by giving donations to the library or other programs.

Nine teachers and three instructional aides teach 209 students from kindergarten through the 8th grade. About 70 percent of the students are Catholic. Most of the others are from various protestant religions, the Sister said. Teachers do not have to be Catholic, but they must follow school policies.

Junipero Serra is open to anyone, but students must be willing to participate in Catholic religion classes, which are taught every school day for 15 to 30 minutes, depending on the grade level. In addition, other school subjects stress morals, values and ethics, Sister Jean said.

The yearly tuition is moderate compared to other private schools in the area. It ranges from \$1,465 for the kindergarten students to \$1,665 for 8th graders. "We try to keep our tuition affordable to our students," Sister Jean said.

Besides the regular curriculum, Spanish is taught daily to the 3rd through 8th grader and advanced math to the 6th, 7th and 8th graders. They also have computer classes, and Sister Jean said that the school also has a drug resistance program for 6th graders.

She said that in testing in all subjects, the students average in the 75th percentile in statewide comparisons.



STUDENTS attend mass once a month with Sister J.

Sister Jean spoke of the family feeling at the school. "The 8th graders cheer on the younger people," she said, noting a buddy program which pairs 8th graders with kindergarten students and 7th graders with 1st graders.

Discipline problems are minimal, she said. "Most of our students are really happy to be here." She said the school likes to focus more on rewards than discipline and gives out awards for improved attitudes, courtesy or on school projects.

She said she has suspended students upon occasion for a day, and likes to give a work assignment to two students who have had a disagreement, making them work together on it and "talk it through."

The school was begun at the Villa Angelica at the Carmelite Monastery in 1943. Classes were taught by the Notre Dame Sisters. Then in 1945, classes were opened at the mission, fulfilling a dream of Monsignor O'Connell and Harry Downie, who worked nearly 50 years restoring the Mission.

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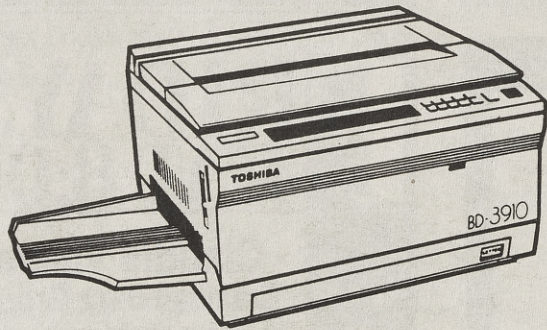


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month with Sister Jean Williams in the Basilica

school. Sister Jean has been in this order for 30 years.

The school offers extended care for \$2 an hour for those families who need child care after school hours. "About 20 of the 29 kindergarten students stay," Sister Jean said.

The students are required to wear uniforms--navy slacks and white shirts for the boys and navy plaid skirts and white blouses for the girls.

The school produces a number of musicals each year with a third grade production of Cinderella being the most recent. "Students seem to work together and gain so much from the plays," the principal said.

The school also emphasizes service and asks children to bring food for the needy at Thanksgiving and make visits to convalescence homes.

"We try to prepare them to be good Catholics and good citizens," Sister Jean said. "We try to prepare them for life. That's what we try to do."



PARENT PAM CARROLL paints a castle backdrop for the Cinderella production while third graders Philip Borop, Glenn Topper and Anthony Prestigiaco watch. The students were cats and mice in the play.



SHOWING OFF THEIR FRILLY DRESSES, which they wore in the play Cinderella, are Kristina Hawley, Stephanie Nicora and Laurie Lynch. Lorie played Cinderella.

Padre Parents Set Auctions to Help Support Schools

Items that run the gamut from the usual lodging and dinners to the unusual including "intuitive hand analysis and aura reading" will be up for auction at the Carmel Padre Parents fundraiser March 16 at the Carmel Youth Center.

The silent and live auction, "That Old Black Magic," will run from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with tickets at \$25 per couple or \$15 for a single.

Carmel football coach Craig Johnston put an unusual item up for bid: the right to call two plays during a varsity football team game next fall.

Someone with problem teeth may be able to pick up a bargain in orthodontic services from Dr. Maurice Corbett of Carmel Valley, who has contributed \$3000 in orthodontic fees to the auction.

An Andre Balyon etching and a George Bleich painting are among the artwork being offered.

Students from the high school have pitched in to help raise money for their school also. One will donate half a cord of wood, cut and stacked. Two girls will wash a car, and a surfer said he will give three hours of surfing lessons.

And for those who like the usual lodging and dinner items, there will be a number up for bid, including a stay at the Hotel Princess Bermuda in Bermuda, the Four Seasons Biltmore in Santa Barbara or the presidential suite at the Highland Inn plus a dinner for two. Or if you don't want to go there to eat, you can bid on having the Highland's chef come to your house to prepare a meal for eight.

Last year's auction netted \$18,000 for Carmel High School.

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SISTER JEAN WILLIAMS, Junipero Serra School principal, and Greg Ludwa, math and computer teacher, talk to two students who stopped by the office.



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CHEF'S CORNER

Marcella Hazan Cooks Italian

Salty-tongued Marcella Hazan, author of the American bible on Italian cooking, demonstrated her art Friday at Highlands Inn.

As one of the featured chefs of the Fifth Annual Masters of Food & Wine, Hazan drew a crowd of aficionados to her demonstration with Highlands Chef Brian Whitmer, who drolly plays the part of straight man to such visiting celebrity cooks even though he also conducts a cooking school.

The \$125-a-ticket members of the audience watched with fascination as Hazan demonstrated how to prepare an artichoke, Italian-style, all the while providing a geographical tour of Italian produce. She is the widely acclaimed author of *The Classic Italian Cookbook*, whom Julia Child calls "My mentor in all things Italian."

The artichoke, along with chopped onions and garlic, formed the base for "Risotto with Artichokes," which Hazan said could only be made with Italian rice, and preferably with a type of Italian rice called "vialone nano" which she said would be available in the United States in a few months.

Asked about using salt, Hazan quipped, "If you don't have any problems, use salt. Why live badly all your life?"

She reminded people that good cooking "is a little about common sense, you know."

Did she use unsalted butter or salted butter for the next dish, "Amaretti and Chocolate Cake?"

"It doesn't matter," she told the surprised audience. "In Italy we don't use salted butter. When I first arrived in America, I was very scared (about using the right ingredients) but after I cook for 30 years, I found it doesn't matter."

Did she use cake flour or ordinary flour?



BRIAN WHITMER AND MARCELLA HAZAN

"Plain flour," she said. "Don't make it difficult."

And, don't worry if the cake sinks in the middle, she said, "That's its personality."

With Whitmer stirring the risotto, and not always to her liking, Hazan lectured on the proper olive oil to use—extra virgin olive oil.

"It's the first pressing of the olives and has very low acidity," she explained. "It's full of flavor because it is pressed without heat and without chemicals. After that they press again and again with chemicals and heat and they produce olive oil but it's not extra virgin any more."

Hazan warned against buying "pure" olive oil. "The term 'pure' is misleading," she said. "It's only olive oil so it is pure but it's the worst because it's the last pressing."

Risotto with Artichokes

By Marcella Hazan

2 tbs extra virgin olive oil
1/4 cup chopped onion
2 tsps garlic, chopped very fine
1/2 cup chopped parsley
4 large artichokes, cleaned and cut into 1-inch wedges, then sliced very thin
1/2 cup water
salt
5 cups meat broth or bouillon
1-1/2 cups Italian Arborio rice
black pepper in a grinder
4 tbs. butter
1/3 cup freshly grated parmigiano-reggiano (Parmesan)

Put oil and onion in heavy-bottomed large pot, heat medium high. Cook onion until translucent, add garlic, cook until pale golden, add half chopped parsley. Stir, and add sliced artichokes.

Cook artichokes about 3 minutes, turning frequently, add water and a pinch of salt. Cover the pot, turn heat to low, and cook 20-30 minutes, until artichokes are soft. Check occasionally to ensure there is enough liquid. Add a little water if necessary.

Meanwhile, bring the broth to a gentle simmer in a saucepan over medium-low heat.

When artichokes are soft and water has evaporated, add rice, cook on medium high, stirring rice several times to coat the grains well. Add a ladleful of broth and stir the rice constantly to wipe it away from the bottom and side of the pot. Continue stirring and adding broth until it is all absorbed. Rice should be firm but tender without a chalky center.

Remove pot from heat, add salt, pepper, butter, grated cheese, rest of parsley and stir quickly. Serve at once.

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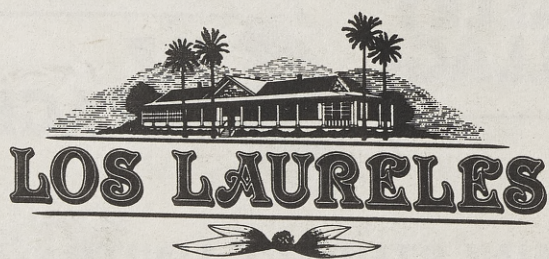
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OUT AND ABOUT

By Isabelle Hall

A lot of people of my generation seem to have been raised not to waste food, maybe to the point where we have failed to pass the message along.

As a child, I remember my mother daily admonishing us to eat everything on our plates, usually, she said, "Because the Greeks are starving."

I have friends whose mothers told them they must never waste food because "The Chinese are starving," or perhaps because of the Indians or the Italians or the Russians. Some mothers did not provide a reason. It was just an order.

My husband is physically incapable of leaving food on his plate whether or not he even likes it. The childhood memories of eating cornmeal mush and milk for supper are too strong.

My *bête noire* was pea soup. How I hated it. Running home from school at lunchtime, I would pray my mother had not made pea soup, to me a sickening green mush.

But, I was a horribly picky eater, and I must have driven her to distraction. We had a bird in a cage in the dining room called "Petey." He was one of those pretty blue budgie birds that could imitate sounds so well, they actually talked.

"Eat up Ib," the bird would say, over and over again, using my family nickname. With even a bird telling you to eat, what chance does a child have? Petey learned this phrase from my parents who nightly told me, "Eat up, Ib."

Like most youngsters, I outgrew the problem. (Would we have overweight problems if we hadn't been made to eat?) But, I never lost the dread of wasting food. When I see the heaping plates of food served at most restaurants in this country, I am appalled. So much of it seems to go back to the kitchen, and anyone who eats it all probably shouldn't.

I think they should make children's portions available to adults. I have offered to pay full price for a child's portion on some occasions without success. I don't see the same concern over waste in the generation that followed mine. In fact, I see the exact opposite and, perhaps, it will take the generation of Americans growing up today to react to waste and warn their children as I was warned.

With modern refrigeration and packaging of food, we should be able to handle the problem of waste better in our homes but even here sometimes there is too much.

I cannot bring myself to throw out meat, poultry or fish unless it is bad. When I trim off the fat and skin, I have always saved it for the dog or cat. Whenever I cook a chicken, I always

cook the innards separately with a little salt and onion just as I would if I were going to make gravy. I haven't made gravy in some years, but I continue to cook the giblets for the dog and cat.

The problem is I haven't had a dog since our German Shepherd, Sam, died, about six months after we lost our orange cat, Charlie. They loved the chicken giblets and were partial to salmon skin, among other things. We knew we shouldn't have given Sammy bones but we did. He was so gentle that you could let him chew on a roast beef bone until you heard his powerful jaws cracking it, and then go and take it away from him.

I still cook the chicken parts the same way only now I put them out on the patio for some unknown creatures. I figure it's better to have any creature eat the food than throw it out.

The other day the patio was full of birds enjoying some bits of meat and fat. You forget birds need protein particularly when it is cold. When we lived in Michigan the enormous black crows would fight over Sam's dogfood if he didn't finish it. They were probably brought up the same way I was. Waste not want not.

We used to have a neighbor's cat, Harry, come to eat with us. But, the neighbors moved and, to our total disgust, took Harry with them.

When Harry was around, he attracted all kinds of female cats despite being neutered. He was all personality, that cat, and handsome, with gorgeous long whiskers. I thought they might keep coming to see us but once Harry left, that was it.

One day I put out some large bones and they were totally demolished next morning. Aha, I thought. Maybe we have a visiting raccoon.

My sister-in-law, Susie, in Toronto has about seven or eight cats that she feeds and frequently a mother raccoon and babies will join the crowd. Our cat, Charlie, used to go and sleep with the raccoons so I figure they all get along pretty well.

The disappointing thing about feeding animals is not seeing them. We have what seems to be dozens of cats in our neighborhood, and I would just like to be able to pick one up and hold it for awhile.

I suppose I should quit feeding the unknown. The other night I put out some of those freshly cooked, tender little giblets from two rock cornish hens. They have too much cholesterol for me, succulent as they are.

I awakened about 4 a.m. when the moon came out and filled the bedroom with light. I may also have been awakened by the unmistakable smell of a skunk. Oh boy, I thought, that guy is eating the giblets.

Now, my sister-in-law feeds skunks from time to time and says she has never had a problem but I am not so sure. Maybe, I won't buy any more chicken for awhile. Maybe we ought to get our own cat.

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YESTERYEARS

Water Everywhere—Remember When the River Ran?

By Elizabeth Barratt

Out of the archives at the Carmel Valley History Society we've pulled some old issues of the Carmel Valley News with photos showing scenes of a full-to-bursting San Clemente Dam and of a flooded, rushing Carmel River. Children merrily playing in the water, fishermen standing by the swollen streams, sunbather draped on the riverbank. Do these scenes evoke long-distant memories?

"We take our supply of water for granted with no thought of any of the care with which it is handled." Thus states a July, 1953 news article relating the process by which the water passes from the dam through a series of filters and cleaning tanks, a check lab, and finally ending up in the homes and gardens of Monterey Peninsula residents.

In 1955, the question of clearing the river channel once again surfaced, following yet another threat of floods. A Carmel River Clearing Project zone was proposed but there was some question as to local interest.

In a series of 1959 issues, even with little rain by January that year, residents were bulldozing, shoveling gravel and moving willows around by the river's banks to "contain" the river when it finally decided to run. Fears were that, with some neighbors trying to push the river south and others bulldozing it north, worse problems might surface. The area near Robinson Canyon bridge was considered most in need of debris clearance.

On Carmel Valley Road, storms from the previous year had left chuckholes so large they were considered "a menace to tiny foreign cars." Residents were growing restless waiting for repairs.

Remember when the fish ran? Joe Hitchcock's 1959 columns related river stories from the Valley's past. He described the steelhead spearing of his youth which he called a "winter sport" dating back to the early Indians, who'd fished by torchlight.

"When the rains came and the Carmel River started to flow, we gathered at the mouth of the river or inland along its banks...our spears were made of pitchforks with a ten or twelve-foot handle for day fishing. The spears were heated and shaped so that there was about a four-inch space between the tines. Beards were brazed on the points of the tines about an inch or so back from the points.

"The Indian boys fished barefoot so they could out run us in the water, but we that were lucky to own hip boots gave a pretty good account of ourselves. Usually there were kids along, and they would gather driftwood for a bonfire. It was quite a sight to see lanterns like fireflies lined along the banks of the river...I spent most of my waking hours at the mouth of the river between dark and 1 a.m. One night I hit a steelhead on the top of his head so hard that I broke one of the tines of my spear and stunned the fish. I picked him up and carried him to shore."

In another account, Joe recalled, "One year was very stormy and all the bridges were washed away, and my uncle told me he had two cases of butter to ship to San Francisco but he couldn't get them to Monterey and he had two weeks' supply on hand. He hitched a gentle horse to a Petaluma cart, and took a pick and shovel to make crossings at the creeks that had been washed out.



DAVID DAVETTE, RICKY AND SUSAN ALLAIRE, and Linda and Pam Weston play in the Carmel River. The photograph was on the front page of the Carmel Valley News Feb. 27, 1959.

Valley Nurse Honored for Cancer Patient Care

Joy M. Smith of Carmel Valley was one of 20 nurses due to be honored by the American Cancer Society in Atlanta on Thursday for excellence in caring for cancer patients.

"At each crossing they had to build a trail to get the horse across, dismantle the cart and then assemble it and drive to the next creek. After many hours they arrived at Point Lobos and there was a man there that owned a gasoline launch. They loaded the butter on the launch and he took it to Monterey via Point Pinos, as the Carmel River was flooded and they could not cross it."

Such were the river topics in Carmel Valley in the Fifties. With our current empty dam and dry, rocky riverbed, the accounts now seem like the stuff of which legends are made.

Named for Lane W. Adams, a former executive vice president of the American Cancer Society, the honor carries with it a \$1,500 cash award.

Smith, who lives in the Village with her two children, has been involved with the care of cancer patients for 16 years, the last two and a half with Monterey Bay Health Care Services. She told the Sun the firm specializes in providing both medicines and personal nursing care at home for cancer patients.

A graduate of the University of Maryland under an Army-sponsored education plan, she came to the area in 1979 to serve at Fort Ord. She also has served in cancer wards at Letterman Army Hospital in San Francisco, Children's Hospital at Stanford and worked for two area oncologists. One of them, Dr. Grant Swanson, nominated her for the award.

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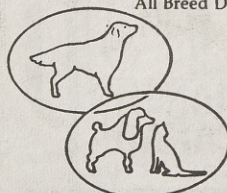
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The Changing of the Nursery Business

By Mark Eaton

After attending the Northern California Horticultural Trade Show which took place a few weeks ago at the San Mateo County Fairgrounds, it hit home for me how the nursery business is changing. The horticulture industry, like any business that wants to thrive and be profitable, reacts to what is happening in the world and evolves with the times.

An area of notable increase in new products was that of organic gardening. The large distributors that service both chain stores and independent retail nurseries are carrying many new items. Low toxicity pest control products are forcing many of the old-line chemicals off the shelves.

Pesticides that are fairly non-toxic, but have been around for decades are being repackaged into "environmentalist friendly," hip-looking containers. Catchy looking racks holding bottles of insecticidal soap have displaced booth space that in the past was devoted to mass displays of diazinon and malathion. Organic fertilizers and plant foods are being sold in boxes and bags with graphics straight out of the "Vermont Country" school of design.

I don't wish to sound cynical about these trends because really, I'm all for it. It's just that it seems like it has taken years for big outfits like Chevron/Ortho to wake up to the fact that many people in this country are seriously concerned about environmental issues. I have stated in this column before and I'll say it again—I am not a 100 percent organic gardener and nurseryman, but I certainly lean heavily in that direction.

Another group of products that stood out at the show were a number of manufactured compost bins. For years only the mail order houses carried these items but they are now becoming available for "over-the-counter-sales."

A proliferation of quality, English-made

garden tools and accessories were in abundance, no doubt in reaction to the success of companies like Smith and Hawken. For contending with the dreaded drought, state-of-the-art drip irrigation components are becoming available for those that refuse to retire from gardening.

As for the plants themselves, many wholesale nurseries were showing newly introduced varieties of drought resistant perennials and shrubs, the selection is becoming almost mind boggling. This new diversity is quite welcome, as gardeners are reaching a new level of sophistication, and are tired of planting the "same old stuff."

The horticulture industry in general is in a healthy state though many of us that own nurseries are losing sleep over the deafening silence of no night-time rain pitter-pattering on our roofs!

Things to Do in the Garden:

- For Carmel Valley gardeners who feel brave enough to plant warm season annuals, in spite of the potential for more night-time frost, petunias, marigolds, impatiens and lobelia are available in abundance at local nurseries.

- Now is a great time to shop for flowering vines, most notably the pine and white jasmine or *Jasmine Polyanthum* which is presently in bud and bloom.

- If you like to plant warm season vegetables from seed, now is prime time shopping.

Site Coverage Definition Eased by City Council

Strict regulations for site coverage of residential developments were eased Tuesday by the Carmel City Council.

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Inventory Finds 92 Carmel Apparel Shops

Carmel-by-the-Sea, which attracts tourists in droves, has just taken inventory of the businesses in the one-mile square village and found it has 54 restaurants, 92 apparel shops and 60 fine arts stores.

Called a Commercial Zoning Boundary study, it showed there are also 32 jewelry stores, 26 shops which sell "miscellaneous home furnishings," 16 stores licensed to sell gifts, novelties and souvenirs such as t-shirts, and 14 antique stores.

On the other side of the ledger, the

inventory found no stores that sell lumber or building materials, variety goods, dairy products, auto and home supplies, drapery, curtains or upholstery or computers and software, and there are no news dealers or newstands, all of which fall under the "retail" category.

Under the "service" category, there are 35 hotels and motels, 29 real estate agents and managers, 28 beauty shops and 16 engineers, architects or surveyors.

There are no title companies, advertising agencies, automotive repair or service shops, re-upholstery and furniture repair shops, motion picture distributors, theatrical producers, miscellaneous amusements or physical fitness facilities.

The city has two movie theaters, six doctor's offices, two dentists, nine lawyers and 15 accountants or bookkeepers. It also has several service businesses such as banks and insurance companies but these were not counted in the survey because they are licensed by the state, a spokesman explained.

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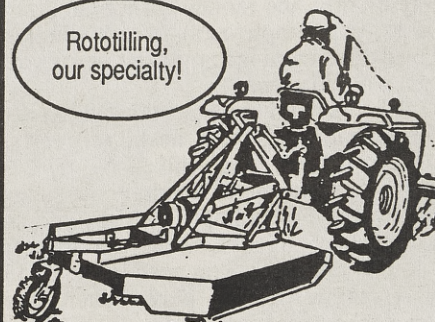
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Drinking Worries Officials

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resignation about it—the feeling that it's the most benign of the alternatives.

Reflecting that view, police do not bring charges against offending youths in many instances. One court official, explaining that each case costs the County \$2,000 to prosecute, said: "We'd be broke if we processed them all."

Malek said parents seem to feel "I'd rather know that my kid is at a beer party than off using cocaine....(But) both are destructive behaviors and illegal."

In part, adults may be willing to accept the beer drinking because an increasing number of youngsters under the legal drinking age of 21 are opting not to drive after drinking, having learned of the dangers and the increasingly stiff penalties for doing so.

Showing that excessive beer drinking by students is to some degree condoned by the community is what happened at a panel that Malek arranged on Feb. 20. A judge, police officer, a counselor and several school officials agreed to discuss "Is Alcohol a Problem with Youth in Our Community?"

Malek said all parents in the district were informed of the meeting through school newsletters. But only one parent showed up.

In contrast, attendance was healthy at a keg party attended by teenagers on a recent Friday night at Zoom—a beach just below the 10th tee at Pebble Beach Golf Course and just north of the Carmel city limits.

"There were about 200 kids, and about 20 were stumbling drunk," said one high school senior who talked freely about the party after assurances that his identity would remain confidential. (Carmel High has about 630 students.)

The student said "no one was snorting coke, meth or speed. There hardly ever is. Those drugs lead you downhill fast. Everyone in Carmel is too smart for them."

The student said the party lasted as long as it did because a couple of students patrolled the parking lot at the bottom of Ocean Avenue, telling high schoolers to park elsewhere so that Carmel police wouldn't know it was taking place. "There was no light, no music, no fire—just a bunch of beer and drunk teenagers," he said.

Those who drank paid \$3 for a big red plastic cup like those sold in local grocery stores. "Once you get it, you can fill it up as often as you want," he said.

A man in his early 20's supplied the keg. Asked why he would do that, the student said, "Capitalism, I think. Or maybe he didn't have anything better to do on a Friday night."

(A keg of premium American beer sells for about \$55. It contains 15 1/2 gallons, enough for 200, 12-ounce drinks. If 200 students paid to drink beer at Zoom beach, the take would have been \$600.)

About 5 to 10 percent of those who attended the Zoom party did not drink at all. "There were a lot of people not drinking because they were driving. There's much more awareness of not drinking when driving," the student added. "But generally people don't go to parties unless they are going to drink."

Malek's survey of fifth, seventh, ninth, and eleventh graders showed that all but 17 percent of last year's eleventh graders—this year's seniors—had used beer within the last six months. More than half of them said they used beer once a week.

"There's probably a whole range of use," Malek said, "from one beer on up. But it's really common to drink a lot."



JANELL MALEK

Principal Marie Ishida agreed. She recounted a recent traffic accident in Pebble Beach involving five high school girls in which the driver tested positive for alcohol consumption. "The girls had minor injuries and wore their hospital identification bracelets to school almost like badges," she said. "Some kids were offended, but others reacted just like they thought it was great," Ishida said.

A stiff new set of laws recently passed by the state legislature can bring severe penalties for all sorts of alcohol and drug use by underage youths.

Joe Moag, who handles incoming cases for Monterey Superior Court, said teenagers can receive a one-year suspension of their driver's license or one year's delay in getting it as a result of many drug or alcohol violations.

He said these include purchase or consumption of alcohol, using false identification to obtain liquor, being drunk in public or being in possession of or using a controlled substance. This means, Moag said, that a teenager drinking on the beach nowhere near a car could lose his driver's license for a year.

He said that about five cases involving Carmel teenagers and alcohol come through the criminal court each month. "Carmel is our worst area," he said. "They bust parties over there all the time." He said Carmel teens "have access to more liquor, more open places in Carmel and Carmel Valley to do it and the finances to make it possible."

Capt. Don Fuselier of the Carmel Police said his department may break up no parties or up to several in any given week. Good weather, holidays and school breaks are prime party time, he said.

"We do all we can to prevent them from starting," he added. If the police find a party in progress they confiscate the alcohol and scatter the kids. They may arrest minors in possession of alcohol or charge adults who have supplied it with contributing to the delinquency of minors, he said.

But Moag said: "A lot of curb-side justice goes on in Carmel." Police often do not charge first time offenders or those who cooperate with them when they break up parties, he said.

But a teen driving under the influence of alcohol is automatically prosecuted whether it's a first time offense or not, he added, and even if the teenager tests only at the .01 level of alcohol content in his blood. For adults, a new state law has lowered to .08 the blood alcohol level at which they are charged with driving under the influence.

Sandra Cude, Monterey county juvenile traffic hearing officer, said she believes the number of alcohol

related cases among youths is coming down. "The word is out," she said. "Believe me, kids know about this law."

The underage drinking crowd contains all sorts of students, those who excel in the classroom and those who do not. When the student who talked about the recent Zoom party was asked to mark down the names from the honor roll of those who attended, he indicated 27 of 76 seniors. But he said he did not know all the names of the underclassmen.

Malek said that the ninth grade is a transition time when students are more at risk to drugs and alcohol. "Ninth graders tend to start using rapidly and more because of wanting to be accepted," she said. "They want desperately to be accepted and do what the older kids do. They may be more vulnerable to peer pressure."

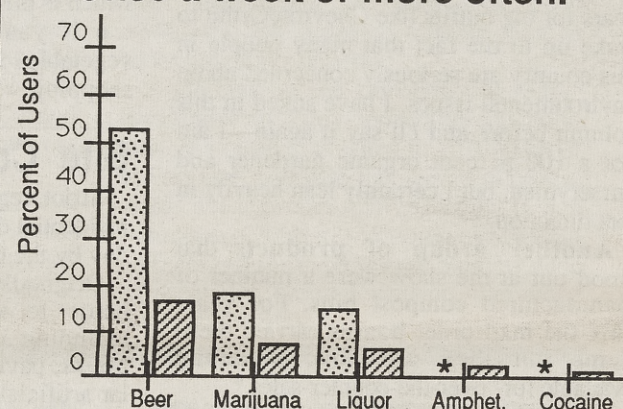
The student who talked about the Friday night beach scene said, "some little freshmen blonde types got a little too tipsy, and these guys came up and pushed them. They try to make them lose their balance and fall over."

Until a person is about 18 years old, alcohol has a "stronger and longer affect. We don't look at beer as being harmless by any means," Malek said. Teenagers' livers are not completely mature which partly accounts for the greater effect alcohol has on them, she said, citing recent research.

She also said that David Hawkins, a University of Washington researcher who is known as a top authority on the problem, has found that the younger people are when they begin to drink, the more likely they are to become addicted.

Besides the late-night parties, another aspect of alcohol use worries Malek. A small but significant number of students said in the survey that they had used alcohol just before coming to school—28 ninth graders and 15

Student Substance Use Carmel and Statewide Once a week or more often.



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eleventh graders. And 26 ninth graders and 24 eleventh graders said yes to the question, "this school year did you ever use other drugs just before coming to school on a school day?"

"I think of morning use as being a dependency—trying to get through the day," Malek said.

In the drug use survey, ninety-four percent of the ninth graders said they had never used methamphetamines or amphetamines (crank, speed, meth, crystal, etc.) And 88 percent said they had never tried cocaine. The percentage went up to 91 who reported that they had never used LSD. The percentages were much the same for the eleventh graders.

At the beach party "a few people were getting stoned and a couple of people were on mushrooms," the senior said. He said the mushrooms grow in the wild and

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MODELS WORE A VARIETY OF SPRING fashions to help fund the restoration of Carmel's First Murphy house. Bottom right, a fashionable young lady watched wide-eyed. Above, architect Brian Congleton holds a rendering of the house being described by Jim Gregg of Carmel Heritage. Sun photos by Isabelle Hall

Fashion Show Helps First Murphy

Models in expensive gowns—the latest fashions from New York City—paraded the runway Monday in the first benefit of its kind for restoration of the 1902 First Murphy house in Carmel.

An elaborate afternoon tea was served by Highlands Inn where guests who paid \$20 each could watch the stormy sea below, wondering if the power would be restored in time for the fashion show to start at 4:30 p.m. It was.

A crowd of about 250 watched attentively during the show of \$1,000-plus dresses, most of them with mid-thigh

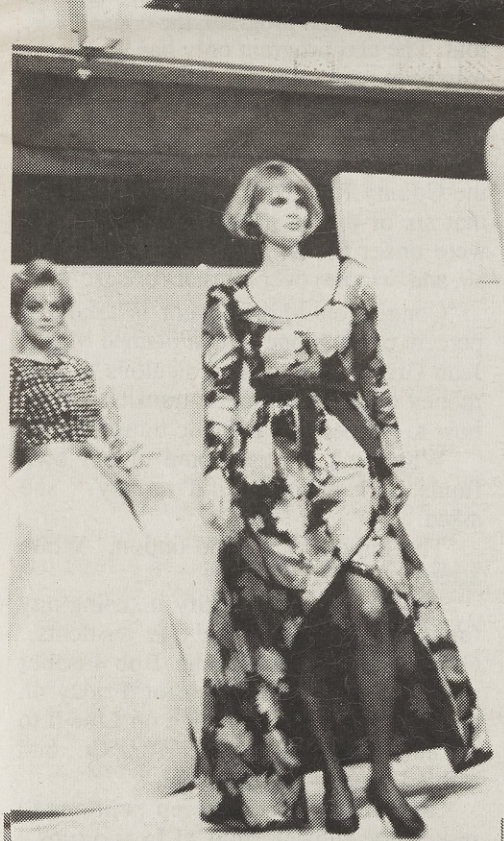
skirts, co-designed by Stanley Platos and Martin Ross in silky fabrics and bright colors. There was only one pants suit and just a couple of long gowns, their skirts split to display a lot of leg.

Enid Sales, contractor for the \$100,000 restoration of the first house built in 1902 by Carmel's first master builder/architect M. J. Murphy, said she was delighted the show had raised \$3,600.

Sask Fifth Avenue General Manager Gerry Naditz donated the show and brought the two designers to town for the event. The clothes were to be available for a few days at her Carmel Plaza store.

Highlands Inn donated the spacious Fireside Room and the tea with open face sandwiches, cookies and cakes.

Jim Gregg of Carmel Heritage and architect Brian Congleton showed the supporters a rendering of what the Murphy house will look like restored on its new site at Lincoln and Sixth Streets where it will be used by the City for community functions.



Student Drug Use Reported Low

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produce hallucinations when eaten. "They're really neat because they don't taste bad, and you don't come down hard at all," the student said. "They make everything sparkly and neat." He said about one-half a sandwich size bag of pieces sells for about \$30. Two medium mushrooms or one big one are enough to give a high, he said.

Blake Fuessenich, principal of Carmel Valley High School, the district's alternative high school, said not too much research has been done on hallucinogenic mushrooms. But he said they are suspected of causing short-term memory loss and lack of motivation when used regularly.

Fuessenich said that about 10 of the 90 or 100 students who attend Carmel Valley High each year "are coming from or going to a drug treatment program." Students at Carmel Valley High were not included in the district survey's results.

"These kids have a serious problem with addiction and usually use more than one substance...," Fuessenich said. "They also enjoy different substances in combination which is dangerous," Fuessenich said.

One positive thing that Fuessenich said he has observed in recent years is that students are willing to admit they have a

problem and to enter treatment programs earlier than students in the past.

"They come to terms with the fact that they can't use any kind of drugs and then show a greater willingness to seek and find treatment," he said.

Kay Anderson, drug and alcohol prevention education coordinator for the Carmel schools, said that the number of students from Carmel High School who have gone into treatment programs has dropped in recent years.

"There were between three and five last year and maybe three this year," she said. A few years ago during one school year, nine students were in treatment programs, Anderson said. "As far as I'm concerned, one is too many."

Anderson said that Friday Night Live, a County-wide program to give youngsters alternative things to do, has planned activities at Carmel High School to enable kids to have fun and party and be drug and alcohol free. Marc LaGoy, a high school senior, is president of the group. "The beach party scene was getting a little boring," he said, adding that he still goes to these parties, too, but encourages colleagues not to drink.

Tackling the problem from another angle, Malek has organized workshops for parents of children in grades four through eight called "Preparing for the Drug Free Years." The Wednesday night sessions at the Carmel Middle School library will begin on April 17 and run for five weeks.

"Kids really make their decisions about using between ages 10 and 13," Malek said. "Fifth through eighth grade is a real key time. We need to get to them before they are faced with it."

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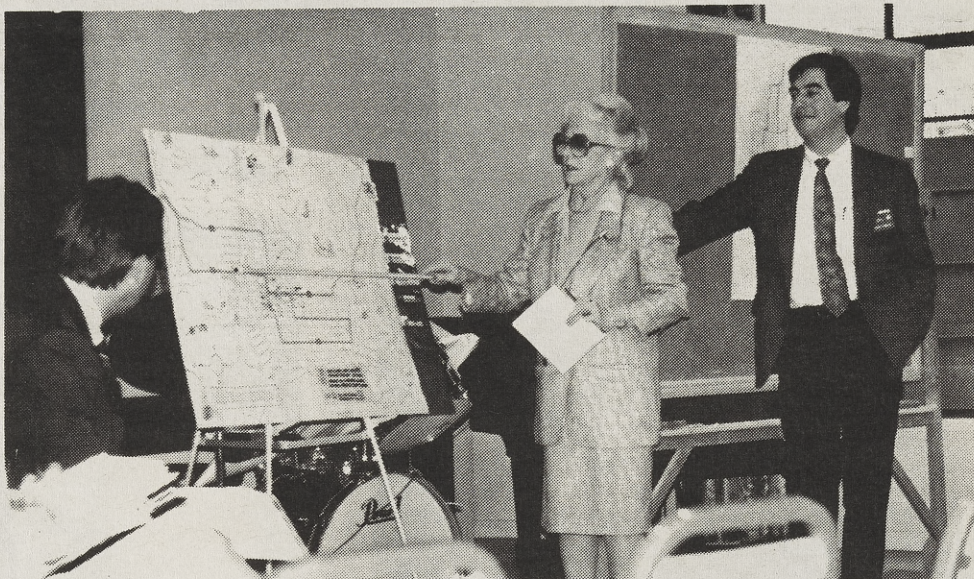
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KAYE SCOTT explains the adverse effect of the cutback in bus service on Line 5 during a public forum at the Carmel Foundation Friday. Sun photo by Isabelle Hall

More Public Transit Funding Mulled by Carmel's Council

Concerned about its elderly population, the Carmel City Council plans to look into funding some type of public transportation in the wake of cutbacks in bus service by Monterey-Salinas-Transit (MTS).

"We have a special problem," said Councilman Ken White, noting that 94 percent of the Carmel people who take advantage of a subsidized taxi service are over 65. "A private retirement community would provide private limousines or vans and that's about what we're doing. Maybe, we should raise the cost of taxis."

The council voted unanimously Tuesday to continue using Local Transportation Funds (LTF) allotted to the city to fund the special taxi service with \$56,628, leaving just \$28,402 for MTS. Another \$4,248 by law must now go to fund the new Congestion Management Agency.

Frank Lichtanski, general manager of MTS, said the public agency had been hurt

by state and federal funds cutbacks to the point where "there is nothing coming in from the state."

"In Carmel we are trying to do more with less," he said, explaining that Line 5 was cut because it only had about 13 riders a day and, "We are simply unable financially to put the old route back in."

Lichtanski reminded the council that Carmel has not been paying its share to MTS, preferring to divert the (LTF) funds to the taxi program instead of buses. Carmel contributes about 33 percent of the cost to its share of bus service compared with 90 to 95 percent from the other seven participants in MST. Before any final decisions are made, Lichtanski said there would be public hearings.

MTS currently carries 118,000 passengers a year in Carmel compared to the 7,500 trips made annually through the door-to-door taxi program, the council was told. The taxi program only has 96 clients who have registered under the requirement that helps people unable to use public transportation.

A survey from DeEtta Nicely, head of the County Ride Share program, showed that six of the 96 clients were blind, six were under 65, 34 were between 65 and 80, and 56 were over 80 years of age.

"Congestion Management is taking 3 percent of the money," complained Mayor Jean Grace. "It's really ridiculous to take money away from public transit to study how to get people on public transit."

"Why can't we use some of our own funds...our general fund money?" she asked.

"That might be a good option," White agreed.

"We can certainly justify it...using city funds...by the age of our city residents," Grace added. Councilman Bob Fischer noted that at a public hearing Friday on the MST cutback of service on Line 5 to Carmel Point, the Carmel Taxi Co. had offered a free van to help out.

Kaye Scott, who gathered petitions to protest the cutback from 11 to two trips a day on Line 5, made a presentation to the council and at the public hearing to point out that MST now provides 39 trips a day to the mouth of the Valley and Carmel Valley and only two trips to Carmel Point.

"A lot of people bought property on the bus lines so they could rely on it when they couldn't drive," Scott said. "This has created a lot of anxiety among these people."

She was supported by Toni Jepson, executive director of the Carmel Business Association, who urged MST "to put as many trips as possible back on Line 5 so we can get our residents back in town."

Local activist Noel Mapstead said, "The city has been negligent in not offering public education for citizens on the bus service. You need better signing."

Alan Williams, chairman of the city's parking committee, supported both bus service and taxis because, "They obviously will be part of our parking solution. I hate to see us lose buses."

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REAL ESTATE OUTLOOK

In a Quiet Market, Make Noise!

By Bert Aronson,
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If you read the national wire services and listen to CNN, you would be led to believe we have not only a crisis in the gulf but we have a crisis in real estate as well. When you read such accounts, your concern as property owner is whether such reports indicate your own real estate assets have diminished in value. Therefore, I will share with you some hard facts concerning the local real estate market during the past 12 months.

The median price of homes sold on the Monterey Peninsula during 1990 was \$290,500, an increase of 10% over the prior year. In Carmel, median price was \$402,271, up 16%; in Carmel Valley, median price was \$399,666, up 6%; and in Pebble Beach, median price was \$444,333 up 12% over 1989.

If prices are holding up so well, why the big fuss? First, the media is generalizing about conditions over broad geographic areas. Second, though prices have held up in our area, the number of sales per year has substantially decreased. In 1990, 5,192 sales were made in Monterey County, compared to 6,306 the prior year. This is a decrease in the number of sales of almost 18%.

Thus, you can see, locally we are not experiencing a crisis with declining prices as much as we are experiencing a "quiet" market in which fewer properties are selling.

In our area, most buyers already own a home and are "trading up." Such buyers have become quite sophisticated. When there is a big inventory of homes, the average market time is further stretched because more time is required to view all the choices. Also, buyers feel they have the luxury of time to test sellers with lower price offers without fear of losing out and not finding an acceptable alternative property.

Therefore, the properties that do sell are perceived as better values than the remaining unsold properties. This does not always mean a lower price. The "value" of real estate, from a buyer's view point, is determined by a combination and balancing of four major factors: location, condition, terms and price. In most situations price is the adjustment which balances the value equation. However, this is not always the case.

Value is perceived differently by buyers in accordance with their own specific needs. For example, a buyer with a substantial amount of available cash but a very poor credit history may find more "value" in a property with a seemingly high price if the seller is willing to back a purchase money loan.

In another example, a contractor looking for a rehabilitation project during the current water moratorium may be unconcerned with the physical condition of a property or with seller terms. He may perceive increased value, if the property has enough water credits to make improve-

ments which can be resold at a reasonable profit.

Since the probability of a sale increases in proportion to the number of times it is shown, you must draw attention to your property so that it will be viewed by more potential buyers. If you are trying to sell a property in a quiet market, you have to make some noise!

Many sellers believe this is accomplished by advertising the property. In reality, according to national surveys, only 1% of properties sell in response to a classified advertisement for the property in question. Public Open Houses have about the same level of success. A "For Sale" sign bears more fruit and attracts approximately 6% of buyers. How then can you make noise in a quiet market?

Carefully choose the right agent to make a noise for you. Most properties are sold through a real estate broker. Historically, approximately 70% of multiple listing service sales involve more than one broker. Even when a sale is within the same brokerage, most sales involve two agents from the same firm.

A competent agent will help you balance the components of value based upon current market conditions. A house in a top location which is in excellent condition and for which the seller can offer the most attractive terms will sell for top dollar in relation to competing similar properties.

Since you can't do anything about location, you must balance the condition of your property and terms of sale when determining an acceptable price. Obviously, when there are fewer buyers making offers, the higher the seller's motivation, and the greater the chance the agreement will be reached by adjustment of one or more of these factors.

Successful agents have learned from experience most offers come from other agents and therefore concentrate on making other agents aware of your property. Some of the more popular methods of accomplishing this are through Broker Open House Caravans entering your property in

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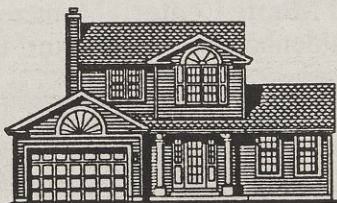


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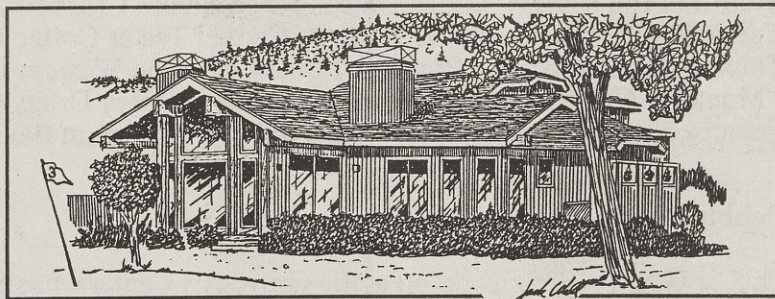
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Douglas H. MacIsaac
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(s)Douglas H. MacIsaac

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(s)Marc Philip Robbins
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The following individual is doing business as:
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Carmel Valley Village Center
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#1 Sunnyhill Drive
Carmel Valley, CA 93924
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Carmel, CA 93921
Rosemary Jones
S.W. corner of 1st and Torres, on Torres
Carmel, CA 93921
Donald T. Jones
S. W. corner of 1st and Torres, on Torres
Carmel, CA 93921

Kathie Anderson
477 Old Natividad Rd.
Salinas, CA 93906
David A. Anderson
477 Old Natividad Rd.
Salinas, CA 93906

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(s)Donald T. Jones

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The following individual is doing business as:
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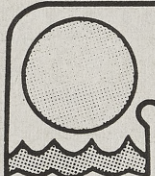
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Carmel Voters Reject Measure E

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"We're absolutely thrilled," said Kremer. "We kept the campaign clean and above board. We didn't get into personalities."

White said he had called the City Hall first thing Wednesday morning to have the original ordinance calling for a 45 percent floor area ratio (FAR) put on the agenda as soon as possible.

"I made the motion to put it on the ballot in August," he said. "I think it was the right thing to do. The difference was in the mail-in votes."

Although he thinks the issue will come back in four or five years, White said that in the meantime, "My proposal is to amend the R1 ordinance to 45 percent. The General Plan says it can be up to 45 percent right now so that doesn't have to be changed," he said, calling it basically "a housekeeping measure."

Jim Holliday, president of the 530-member CRA, expressed deep disappointment at the vote, "I so did hope we would win. One thing is quite clear, the absentee ballots were the deciding factor in the election."

Referring to Kremer's organization, Holliday said, "They had the know-how...to send out absentee ballots and mailed 400 to 500 to people....It's a treasure of votes."

Kremer, who said his group raised about \$3,000 and mailed out 300 applications for absentee ballots, disagreed. "They certainly could have overcome that with the booth vote. We did an awful lot of campaigning to make sure that people got to the polls. I was on the phone at 10 minutes to 8 last night urging people to get back in their cars and vote."

"We're hoping it (the election) sends a message that we need more balance here," Kremer added. "The City Council has to start paying attention to all the residents, not just the minority."

Asked about the advisability of such a special election, Holliday said he thought it was "regrettable that they (the council) undermined their own authority by saying we've made up our minds but we're not sure...The responsibility should be even more clearly placed with the people who are elected."

Grace, who opposed the special election last fall, agreed, saying she thinks "land use planning needs to be done by the land use representatives who are elected by the people."

Holliday sees the outcome as having great ramifications for the future. "This is going to give the opposition, the Realtors and developers and speculators...they're going to be stronger next time because their economic interest is involved. They've got a pocketbook interest. We didn't even raise \$1,000. Come 1992, we're going to have an even harder time to protect our residents' point of view."

Asked about the future of the coalition he formed to fight Measure E, Kremer told the Sun he would let it lapse for now but probably would reactivate it in the future. "I don't think the town needs multiple organizations."

Asked if he had plans to run for political office, he said, "I don't think so. I've got to figure out how to make a living here. We'll remain active though." The group had a "thank you" party for workers at Cypress Inn election night for about 40.

Men Walk Away from Plane Crash

Two Carmel Valley men, flying in unsettled conditions to give one of them experience, walked away from the crash of their light plane which went down in a strong downdraft Saturday shortly after takeoff from Village airport.

The pilot, Bud Carlson, a former Navy flier with 42 years of experience, did require surgery for repair of a perforated small intestine, but was recovering at Community Hospital. He also suffered a broken wrist.

Carlson and his passenger, Dick Radowicz, a partner in ownership of the small Beech Skipper, had taken off en route to get fuel for the single-engine plane and to give Radowicz experience in rough weather.

"We were trying to climb out and the downdraft was going down faster than we were going up," Carlson told the Sun.

Radowicz was treated at Community Hospital but did not require hospitalization. Carlson has been teaching Radowicz to fly.

Because of wind conditions, the plane took off to the east, rather than the west, which is the direction of the prevailing wind most of the time. It was unsettled and blustery.

The craft went down in a remote canyon on the Berta Ranch or just to the east of it about a mile east of the end of the runway. The terrain was so steep and muddy emergency vehicles could not drive to the crash site. Carlson and Radowicz walked about a quarter of a mile to meet them.

Carlson said the plane went down after striking the tops of trees, flipping it over on its back. Carlson and Radowicz were left dangling upside down, held by their seat-belts and shoulder harnesses.

They had to break out the windows to escape because the doors wouldn't open.

Carlson said the wings were torn off the plane, which kept spilled fuel from the cockpit. He said Radowicz smelled gasoline and got out a fire extinguisher as a precaution.

Carlson said he broke his wrist because his hand was on the control yoke when the plane hit. He theorized that he may have suffered the intestinal perforation because the inertia locking mechanism on his shoulder harness failed to engage on impact, putting all the strain of the crash on his abdomen where the seat belt was.

Final Little League Tryouts Are Saturday

Final tryouts for the 1991 Carmel Valley Little League season will be held Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the ball park on Paso Hondo.

The session is scheduled mainly for 9-year-olds, officials said, but other players aged 10 through 12 who did not try out last Saturday are also welcome.

Coaches will be on hand to assess the skills of the various youngsters, and the draft to create the teams for the 1991 season will be held on March 16.

Any child who will be between the ages of 8 and 12 as of July 31, 1991, is eligible to play in the little league. Eight-year-olds do not have to try out since most of them play in a less skilled division of the league.

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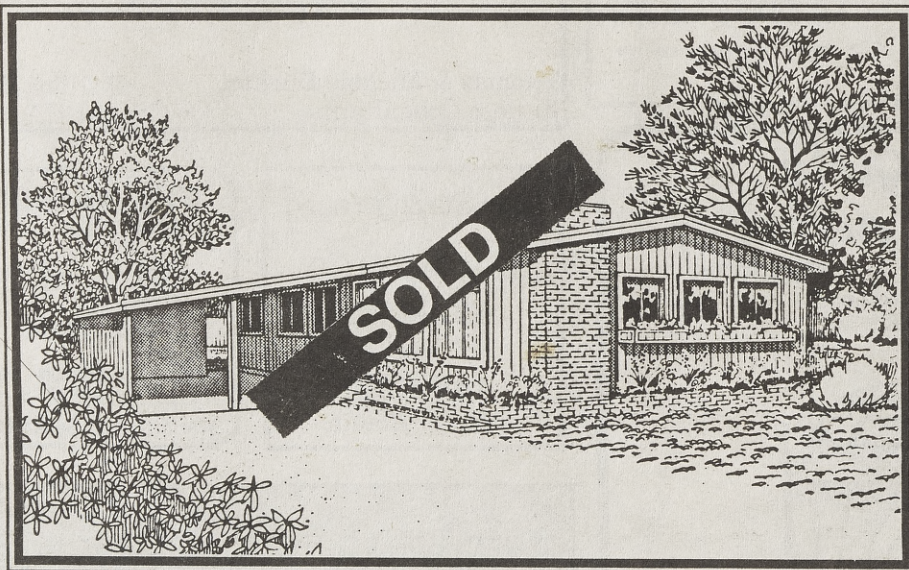
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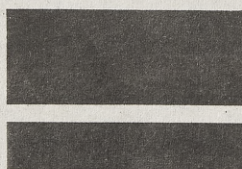


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